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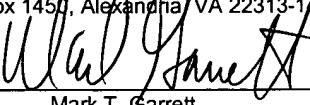
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*Our reference: THMC:015US*

Commissioner:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application is:

- (1) Renewed Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10(d);
- (2) Second Declaration of Mark T. Garrett, including 23 Exhibits;
- (3) Declaration of Julie Hohle;
- (4) Declaration of Sherry Stowers, including 2 Exhibits; and
- (5) A return postcard to acknowledge receipt of these materials. Please date stamp and mail this postcard.

The Commissioner is authorized to deduct the appropriate large-entity fee for the 5-month petition of time, along with any other fees due in connection with this paper under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21, from Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No.: 50-1212/THMC:015US.

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Mark T. Garrett  
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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
Chip E. Thomson *et al.*

Serial No.: 10/813,640

Filed: March 30, 2004

For: METHODS FOR CREATING WOVEN  
DEVICES

Group Art Unit: UNKNOWN

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**RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.10(d)**

MS: Petitions  
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Commissioner:

Applicants renew their petition to correct the filing date of this application from March 30, 2004 to March 29, 2004. Applicants are submitting additional corroborating evidence that further establishes their right to the March 29, 2004 filing date, including a reporting letter created on March 30 at 3:26 p.m. that states the application was filed on March 29, 2004.

**A. Background**

The Office asserts Applicants' original petition lacked the "corroborating evidence" required by Rule 10(d)(3). The PTO attorney suggested that Applicants renew the petition with

appropriate evidence (that was created after and within one business day of the March 29, 2004).

Accordingly, Applicant submits following corroborating evidence that satisfies Rule 10(d)(3):

- A letter created on **March 30, 2004** reporting that this application was filed on March 29, 2004;
- Mr. Garrett's hand-written time keeping notes from the March 29, 2004 and March 30, 2004, showing that Mr. Garrett (1) completed work on this patent application on March 29, 2004, and (2) did no work on this application—on March 30, 2004;
- Emails Mr. Garrett sent at between 7 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. on March 29, 2004 to the client and opposing counsel in another matter (concerning, in part, this patent application) shortly after he returned from depositing this patent application with the Post Office;
- Mr. Garrett's mobile phone records, showing that he phoned his wife shortly after depositing this application with the Post Office in a timely fashion;
- Mrs. Hohle's declaration, explaining that she spoke with Mr. Garrett on the morning of March 30, 2004, and that he stated to her that he had safely deposited all four of the patent applications the previous day (i.e., both the 2 that received the correct date-in, and the 2 that did not receive the correct date-in);
- Mrs. Stower's declaration, explaining that she spoke with Mr. Garrett after he returned from depositing all four patent applications, and that he confirmed that his trip to the Post Office was successful; and
- Mr. Garrett's second declaration, explaining that as he was working on other matter for the same client, he informed the client that he had safely filed this patent application, and the client remembers hearing that.

Based on this evidence, this patent application should be given a filing date of March 29, 2004.

Furthermore, the Hohle Declaration (Mr. Garrett's Secretary) includes corroborating testimony that Mr. Garrett left their office with all four patent applications (including this one). The international patent law paralegal assisting with the two PCT patent applications of the four also submits a declaration (the Stowers Declaration) stating this. Applicants submit it as further proof of the truthfulness of Mr. Garrett's testimony.

Mr. Garrett deposited this application, along with a related PCT application and two unrelated patent applications, in the same USPS Express Mail drop box on March 29, 2004 at or just before 6:55 p.m. The two unrelated patent applications were properly given March 29, 2004 filing dates by the USPTO based on correct dates-in of March 29, 2004. However, and inexplicably, this application and the related PCT application incorrectly received dates-in of March 30, 2004. Consequently filing dates of March 30, 2004. These facts are explained fully in the Second Declaration of Mark T. Garrett, a copy of which is attached to this renewed petition.

For the reasons given below, this application should be accorded the same March 29, 2004 filing date received by the two unrelated patent applications that were filed at exactly the same time as this application.

**B. This Renewed Petition Complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.10(d)(3)**

Rule 10(d) requires compliance with 3 subsections. The Office has not objected to Mr. Garrett's proof of compliance with subsections (1) and (2). Therefore, they will not be discussed again.

Subsection (3) requires that the petition include "a showing which establishes, to the satisfaction of the Director, that the requested filing date was the date the correspondence was deposited in the 'Express Mail Post Office to Addressee' service prior to the last scheduled pickup for that day. Any showing pursuant to this paragraph must be corroborated by evidence from the USPS or that came into being after deposit and within one business day of the deposit of the correspondence in the 'Express Mail Post Office to Addressee' service of the USPS."

Sherry Stowers is a senior patent legal assistant in the Austin office of Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. (Mr. Garrett's law firm). Declaration of Sherry D. Stowers ("Stowers Decl."). Like Mrs. Hohle, Ms. Stowers saw Mr. Garrett leave the 20<sup>th</sup> floor of their office on March 29, 2004 with four different patent applications that he was taking to the main Austin post office to deposit in the drop box. One of the patent applications was the present patent application. Another was the PCT version of the present patent application. The other two patent applications were U.S. Serial No. 10/811,775 and its PCT counterpart: PCT/US2004/009455 (known internally by the designations UTXC:779US and UTFC:779WO, respectively). Mrs. Stowers prepared the formal paperwork associated with the two PCT patent applications of the four. She also recalls seeing Mr. Garrett when he returned from the Post Office, and remembers him expressing that his trip went fine.

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These declarations further corroborate the March 29, 2004 deposit date of this patent application because they are from individuals who helped finalize either the present application or the PCT counterpart to it, and those individuals witnessed Mr. Garrett leave his building with all four patent applications discussed above. It, therefore, makes sense that Mr. Garrett would have deposited all four patent applications into the main post office drop box at the same time.

#### **D. Petition for 5-Month Extension of Time**

Applicants petition for a 5-month extension of time in which to file this renewed petition. If the check has been omitted, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct the appropriate large-entity fee for this petition, along with any other fees due in connection with this paper under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21, from Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No.: 50-1212/THMC:015US.

## E. Conclusion

Based on these facts, the present application should be accorded a filing date of March 29, 2004. Rule 10(d)(3) does not specify any special kind of evidence required to corroborate an alleged filing date; it simply requires evidence that came into being after—and within one business day of—the asserted deposit. The reporting letter satisfies the requirements of Rule 10(d)(3) by itself as does the testimony of Mrs. Hohle and Ms. Stowers. The corroborating evidence is submitted as exhibits to the Second Garrett Declaration, Mrs. Hohle's declaration and Ms. Stowers' declaration. Specifically, the reporting letter created on March 30, 2004 and Mr. Garrett's conversation with Mrs. Hohle and Ms. Stowers corroborates the filing of the application on March 29, 2004. The remainder of Mrs. Hohle's declaration and Ms. Stower's declaration also corroborate the March 29, 2004 filing date of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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The following evidence came into existence within 1 business day after this patent application was deposited on March 29, 2004. This evidence corroborates the March 29, 2004 filing date. Each piece of evidence is sufficient—by itself—to satisfy Rule 10(d).

### **1. The Reporting Letter**

Mr. Garrett mailed a letter to the firm's client shortly after this application was filed, reporting that this application had been filed on March 29, 2004. The letter stating that the application was filed on March 29, 2004 was created on March 30, 2004 at 3:26 p.m. – after this patent application was deposited with the U.S. Post Office at 6:55 p.m. on March 29, 2004, and within one business day of that deposit. (See Second Garrett Declaration, and Exhibits 22 and 23 to same.)

#### **a. The Creation of the Exhibit 8 Letter**

The Exhibit 22 reporting letter was created by Mr. Garrett's secretary on **March 30, 2004**—one business day after this patent application was deposited with the U.S. Post Office on March 29, 2004. Second Garrett Decl. at ¶¶ 48-55; Declaration of Julie Hohle ("Hohle Decl.") at ¶¶ 8-14. It is Mr. Garrett's practice to create reporting letters like Exhibit 8 shortly after a patent application is filed to report the filing to the client. Second Garrett Decl. at ¶ 49.

Exhibit 23 to the Second Garrett Declaration further establishes the March 30, 2004 creation date. Exhibit 23 is a screen shot taken from Mr. Garrett's computer of the "history" information for the Exhibit 22 reporting letter. Second Garrett Decl. at ¶ 50. This "history" information is a log of the dates pertaining to the creation, modification and viewing of the reporting letter. *Id.*; Ex. 23.

The earliest entry in the history log—which is the bottom-most entry—shows that user "JH10019" created document number 25400632 (i.e., the Exhibit 22 reporting letter) on

03/30/2004 at 3:26 p.m. Second Garrett Decl. at ¶ 51; Ex. 23; Hohle Decl. at ¶ 13. "JH10019" is Julie Hohle's (i.e., Mr. Garrett's secretary's) user identification number in Mr. Garrett's firm's computer system. Second Garrett Decl. at ¶ 51; Hohle Decl. at ¶ 13. Mrs. Hohle then revised the letter later on March 30, 2004 at 4:11 p.m. to include the March 29, 2004 filing date. Ex. 23; Hohle Decl. at ¶ 14.

Mrs. Hohle creation and modification of the reporting letter comports with her standard practice. Mrs. Hohle's standard practice for creating a letter to a client, reporting a patent application filing that Mr. Garrett completed, includes (1) opening a reporting letter pertaining to another a patent application filing for another matter, (2) saving that letter on our computer system as a new document, and (3) revising the new letter with the information pertaining to the filing in question. Hohle Decl. at ¶ 10. The revisions that she makes prior to giving the letter to Mr. Garrett for his review consist of changing the client information at the top of the page (concerning the client address) and the description in the "RE:" line; changing the date in the first sentence of the letter to reflect the actual filing date of the patent application at issue; and reviewing the body of the letter to determine whether additional corrections are required based on my knowledge of the file. *Id.* She will make any such revisions. *Id.*

It is Mrs. Hohle's standard practice to give Mr. Garrett a reporting letter for his review once she has finished these revisions, but not before. *Id.* at ¶ 11. Thus, Mrs. Hohle's standard practice is to place the correct filing date in the first sentence of the reporting letter before giving it to Mr. Garrett to review.

The Exhibit 23 log shows that Mr. Garrett (i.e., user identification number MG01968) revised the Exhibit 22 letter on March 31, 2004 at 4:57:15 p.m., and that Mrs. Hohle revised the

Exhibit 22 letter on April 1, 2004 at 12:15:04 p.m. Ex. 23; Second Garrett Decl. at ¶ 54; Hohle Decl. at ¶¶ 13-14.

However, there were **no modifications** to the Exhibit 22 letter between Mrs. Hohle's March 30, 2004 4:11:55 p.m. revision and Mr. Garrett's March 31, 2004 revision. Ex. 23. Thus, consistent with Mrs. Hohle's standard practice of not giving reporting letters to Mr. Garrett for review before completing her initial revisions (which include specifying the filing date of the patent application at issue), Mrs. Hohle entered the March 29, 2004 filing date recited in the first sentence of the Exhibit 8 reporting letter on March 30, 2004 at or before 4:11 p.m. Hohle Decl. at ¶ 14; see also Garrett Decl. at ¶¶ 52-55.

Mr. Garrett confirms that he has no memory of changing that March 29, 2004 filing date when he revised the letter on March 31, 2004. Second Garrett Decl. at ¶ 54. Furthermore, to the best of Mr. Garrett's secretary's memory and consistent with her normal practice, she did not change the March 29, 2004 filing date in the letter when she revised it on April 1, 2004. Ex. 23; Hohle Decl. at ¶ 14.

On April 1, 2004, Mr. Garrett mailed the Exhibit 22 reporting letter to Mr. Thomson.

**b. Conclusion About the Exhibit 22 Letter**

Based on these facts, the reporting letter (Ex. 22) was created and stated that this patent application was filed on March 29, 2004 prior to 4:15 p.m. on March 30, 2004. Thus, it satisfies the evidentiary requirement of Rule 10(d)(3): "evidence . . . that came into being after deposit and within one business day of the deposit . . ."

## **2. Mr. Garrett's Time-Keeping Notebook Entries**

The following facts can be found in Exhibit 8 and the Second Garrett Decl. at ¶¶ 17-27, and 46. *See also* Exs. 19-21 and Second Garrett Decl. at ¶ 47; and Exs. 17 and 18 and Second Garrett Decl. at ¶¶ 44-45.

Mr. Garrett keeps track of the time he spends on various matters throughout the day using a notebook. The notebook contains the times that he starts and stops working on a given matter, and a shorthand description of the matter. Mr. Garrett has kept track of his worked time in this manner for several years.

Exhibit 8 to the Second Garrett Declaration is a series of copies of pages from a notebook that contains entries made at and around the time this application was filed on March 29, 2004. Numbers 01-15 were added by Mr. Garrett to the bottom right-hand corner of the Exhibit 8 pages for ease of reference.

### **a. Mr. Garrett's March 29, 2004 Entries**

Pages 10 and 11 of Exhibit 8 are from March 29, 2004, but are undated. Therefore, pages 01-09 have been included, which begin with a dated entry on March 24, 2004. Pages 13-15 have also been included, which are dated March 30, 2004. These additional pages are submitted to show (1) that pages 10 and 11 are, in fact, from March 29, 2004, and (2) that Mr. Garrett did no work on March 30, 2004 on his firm's matter corresponding to this patent application.

The important entries from the March 29, 2004 pages appear on page 11. Specifically, page 11 shows that Mr. Garrett worked on "Chip's app" from 4:20 p.m. until 6:40 p.m. Mr. Garrett's reference to "Chip's app" is a reference to this patent application, which was prepared and filed for Chip Thomson, the first-named inventor of this patent application and a firm client. After Mr. Garrett made the "6:40 – stop" entry, he went to the Post Office branch where he

deposited the four patent applications discussed in paragraphs 4-16 of the Second Garrett Declaration.

By 7:10 p.m. on March 29, 2004, Mr. Garrett had returned from the Post Office and started working on another matter that pertained to a consulting and license agreement for Mr. Thomson, and that concerned this patent application. This is reflected by the “7:10 – work on Agmt” entry on page 11 of Exhibit 8. Mr. Garrett concluded work on that matter at 10:12 p.m., as reflected by the notation “10:12 – stop.” Exhibits 17 and 18 are emails Mr. Garrett sent to the client and to opposing counsel, respectively, concerning the consulting and license agreement.

The 7:10 p.m. and 10:12 p.m. notations—considered in light of the preceding 4:20 and 6:40 notations, and the concluding 10:14 p.m. email—constitute corroborating evidence of the March 29, 2004 filing date that came into being after the March 29, 2004 deposit and within one business day of it. Thus, they constitute additional evidence that satisfies Rule 10(d)(3).

**b. Mr. Garrett’s March 30, 2004 Entries**

Furthermore, Mr. Garrett’s March 30, 2004 time entries also corroborate the March 29, 2004 filing date. Pages 13-15 of Exhibit 8 contain time entries pertaining to the work Mr. Garrett did on March 30, 2004. If Mr. Garrett had actually filed the present patent application on March 30, 2004, he would have specified the time he spent working on this file in his March 30, 2004 time entries because that is his typical practice. He would have referred to that work by either the alias of this matter (THMC:015US) or some shorthand notation for this matter (e.g., “Chip’s app” as shown on page 11 of Exhibit 8) because that is his typical practice.

On pages 13-15 of Exhibit 8, the aliases and shorthand notations of the March 30, 2004 matters Mr. Garrett worked on have not been redacted. There are no references to THMC:015US or “Chip’s app” or any other shorthand notations pertaining to this matter because

Mr. Garrett did not work on this matter—nor did he file the present patent application—on March 30, 2004. Instead, Mr. Garrett worked on and filed the present patent application on March 29, 2004.

Mr. Garrett’s March 30, 2004 time entries came into being after the March 29, 2004 deposit and within one business day of it. Thus, they constitute additional corroborating evidence of the March 29, 2004 filing that satisfies Rule 10(d)(3).

### **3. Mr. Garrett’s Mobile Phone Records**

After Mr. Garrett deposited the four applications referenced in the original petition prior to the 7 p.m. last-pickup deadline, Mr. Garrett made 2 mobile phone calls to his wife (Emma Garrett) to let her know that he had filed the patent applications he had been working on, and to let her know that he was returning to the office. These calls and others are discussed in the Second Garrett Decl. at ¶¶ 38-42 and in the referenced exhibits. Mr. Garrett did not recall reaching his wife or the other people he called shortly after he deposited this and the other patent applications.

### **4. Mr. Garrett’s Secretary’s March 30, 2004 Conversation with Mr. Garrett**

Mr. Garrett’s secretary – Julie Hohle – spoke with Mr. Garrett on March 30, 2004, the day after he deposited this patent application with the U.S. Post Office. *See* Hohle Decl. Specifically, she spoke with Mr. Garrett the morning of March 30, 2004 and asked him how his trip to the post office went the night before. According to Mrs. Hohle, Mr. Garrett responded, “We’re all good. Everything went fine[,]” or used words to that effect. Mrs. Hohle followed up by asking Mr. Garrett to confirm that he made it to the post office on time, and Mr. Garrett responded, “Yeah, no problem[,]” or used words to that effect.

Mr. Garrett's secretary's conversation with Mr. Garrett took place on the morning of March 30, 2004 deposition and (within one day of that deposit), and are reflected in her declaration constitutes additional corroborating evidence of the March 29, 2004 deposit that satisfies Rule 10(d)(3).

### **C. Additional Corroborating Evidence**

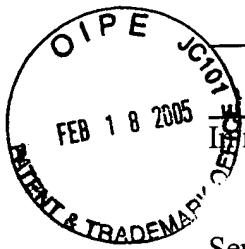
The following evidence further corroborates the March 29, 2004 deposit of the present application. It consists of declarations from Mr. Garrett's secretary, Julie Hohle, and from a senior patent legal assistant in the international department of Mr. Garrett's law firm, Sherry Stowers. While both declarations have been created more than one day after the filing took place, Applicants respectfully submit that they should be given full consideration and effect. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1746 (concerning unsworn declarations under penalty of perjury).

#### **a. Hohle Declaration**

Julie Hohle is Mr. Garrett's secretary. She saw Mr. Garrett leave the 20<sup>th</sup> floor of their office on March 29, 2004 with four different patent applications that he was taking to the main Austin post office to deposit in the drop box. One of the patent applications was the present patent application. Another was the PCT version of the present patent application. The other two patent applications were U.S. Serial No. 10/811,775 and its PCT counterpart: PCT/US2004/009455 (known internally by the designations UTXC:779US and UTFC:779WO, respectively). Mrs. Hohle prepared the formal paperwork associated with the two U.S. patent applications of the four. See Hohle Decl.

Mrs. Hohle also created and modified the reporting letter on the afternoon of March 30, 2004. That letter stated that the application was filed on March 30, 2004.

#### **b. Stowers Declaration**



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## DECLARATION OF JULIE HOHLE

I, Julie Hohle, declare under penalty of perjury that:

1. I have personal knowledge of the facts below.
2. I work for the Austin, Texas office of Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. I am Mark Garrett's secretary. We are stationed on the 20<sup>th</sup> floor of our building.
3. On March 29, 2004, I helped Mark Garrett prepare the paperwork associated with filing two different U.S. patent applications. The paperwork I prepared for the two applications consisted of the PTO's Utility Patent Application Transmittal Form and a return postcard. I also prepared the label on the Express Mail envelopes for both applications.
4. The two U.S. patent applications I worked on were (1) U.S. Serial No. 10/813,640 (known internally at Fulbright by the attorney docket number, or alias, THMC:015US) and (2) U.S. Serial No. 10/811,775 (known internally by the alias UTXC:779US). Mr. Garrett was also filing the PCT counterparts to both of these applications on March 29, 2004. They are PCT/US2004/009493 (known internally by the alias THMC:015WO), and PCT/US2004/009455 (known internally by the alias UFC:779WO).
5. By about 6 p.m. on March 29, 2004, the only thing we (Mr. Garrett, Sherry Stowers (the international patent paralegal who helped Mr. Garrett with the 2 PCT patent applications) and I) were waiting on were some formal drawings for the THMC:015US patent application.
6. Those drawings arrived around 6:30 p.m. I remember this because I was at my station outside Mr. Garrett's office with Sherry Stowers, waiting for Mr. Garrett to report that he had received the drawings by e-mail. After they arrived by email, Mr. Garrett printed them, and I placed them with the remainder of the THMC:015US patent application and associated paperwork, and sealed

everything in an Express Mail envelope addressed to the PTO. By this time, I had already sealed up the Express Mail envelope containing the UTXC:779US patent application.

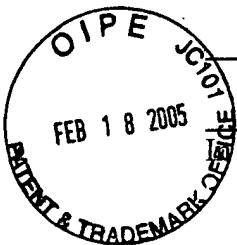
7. I then saw Mr. Garrett leave with all four Express Mail envelopes in hand. I know he was driving to the main post office to deposit them in the drop box because he told me so, and because he had me double-check the final pickup time for the Express Mail drop box at the main Post Office before he left.
8. I spoke with Mark Garrett the morning of March 30, 2004 and asked him how his trip to the post office went the night before. He responded, "We're all good. Everything went fine[,"] or used words to that effect. I then asked him to confirm that he made it to the post office on time, and he responded, "Yeah, no problem[,"] or used words to that effect.
9. I reviewed Exhibits 22 (the Reporting letter) and 23 (Computer Record of my creating the Recording letter) "SECOND DECLARATION OF MARK T. GARRETT." That information refreshed my recollection that I typed in the "March 29, 2004" date in the first sentence of the Exhibit 22 letter on March 30, 2004 (the day I created the letter).
10. My recollection is consistent with my standard practice. My standard practice for creating a letter to a client, reporting a patent application filing that Mark Garrett completed, consists of (1) opening a reporting letter pertaining to another a patent application filing for another matter, (2) saving that letter on our computer system as a new document, and (3) revising the new letter with the information pertaining to the filing in question. The revisions that I make prior to giving the letter to Mark Garrett for his review consist of changing the client information at the top of the page (concerning the client address) and the description in the "RE:" line; changing the date in the first sentence of the letter to reflect the actual filing date of the patent application at issue; and reviewing the body of the letter to determine whether additional corrections are required based on my knowledge of the file. I will make any such revisions.
11. It is my standard practice to give Mr. Garrett a reporting letter for his review once I have finished these revisions.
12. I created the Exhibit 22 letter consistent with my standard practice described in paragraphs 10 and 11. I have no reason to believe that I treated the Exhibit 22 letter any differently than what is described in those paragraphs.
13. As Exhibit 23 shows, I created the Exhibit 22 letter on March 30, 2004 and revised it on that same date. This is reflected in the "JH10019" (my user identification number for our firm computer system) "Create" and "Modify" entries on 03/30/2004. Exhibit 23 also shows that Mr. Garrett then revised the

Exhibit 22 letter on March 31, 2004. This is reflected in the MG01968 (Mr. Garrett's user identification number) 03/31/2004 "Modify" entry in Exhibit 23.

14. As Exhibit 23 shows, there were no other modifications to the Exhibit 22 letter between my March 30, 2004 created and modification and Mr. Garrett's March 31, 2004 modification. Thus, consistent with my standard practice of not giving reporting letters to Mr. Garrett for review before my initial revisions (which include specifying the filing date of the patent application at issue), I entered the March 29, 2004 filing date recited in the first sentence of the Exhibit 22 reporting letter on March 30, 2004. I do not recall changing the March 29, 2004 date in the Exhibit 8 letter as part of any modifications that I made on April 1, 2004 (the day the letter was signed and mailed).
15. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed: Julie Hohle Dated: 2-14-05

Name: Julie Hohle



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## DECLARATION OF SHERRY D. STOWERS

I, Sherry D. Stowers, declare under penalty of perjury that:

1. I have personal knowledge of the following facts.
2. I work for the Austin, Texas office of Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. I am a senior patent legal assistant in the firm's international department. I work with Mark Garrett on the 20<sup>th</sup> floor of our building.
3. On March 29, 2004, I helped Mark Garrett prepare two different PCT patent applications for filing with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.
4. The two PCT patent applications I worked on were (1) PCT/US2004/009493 (known internally at Fulbright by the attorney docket number, or alias, THMC:015WO), which is the international counterpart application to U.S. Serial No. 10/813,640 (known internally by the alias THMC:015US); and (2) PCT/US2004/009455 (known internally by the alias UTFC:779WO), which is the international counterpart application to U.S. Serial No. 10/811,775 (known internally by the alias UTXC:779US).
5. I created and formatted each of these two PCT patent applications (except for the figures) by duplicating and revising the corresponding U.S. patent application, which Mr. Garrett completed first. I also prepared the formal paperwork (the PCT Request, the PCT Fee Calculation Sheet, the Transmittal Letter to the U.S. Receiving Office, and the return postcard) associated with filing each PCT patent application.
6. I completed the THMC:015WO PCT patent application and associated formal paperwork between 6 p.m. and 6:15 p.m. on March 29, 2004. Mr. Garrett informed me that we were waiting on the last figures to be emailed to him in order to complete and file both the THMC:015US and THMC:015WO patent applications.

7. Those figures arrived around 6:30 p.m. I remember this because I was standing outside Mr. Garrett's office near Julie Hohle's (Mr. Garrett's secretary's) station, waiting for Mr. Garrett to report that he had received them by email. After they arrived by email, Mr. Garrett printed them, and I placed them with the remainder of the THMC:015WO PCT patent application and associated formal paperwork, and sealed everything in an Express Mail envelope addressed to the PTO.
8. I had completed and sealed the UTFC:779WO PCT patent application and associated formal paperwork earlier, so the Express Mail envelope containing the UTFC:779WO PCT patent application was ready to go when we finished preparing and sealing the THMC:015WO PCT patent application in its Express Mail envelope.
9. I watched as Mr. Garrett and Julie Hohle put the printed final figures with the remainder of the THMC:015US patent application and sealed it all in an Express Mail envelope. I saw the Express Mail envelope containing the UTXC:779US patent application as the THMC:015WO and THMC:015US patent applications were being finalized and sealed in Express Mail envelopes.
10. I then saw Mr. Garrett leave through one of the doors to our 20<sup>th</sup> floor office space with all four Express Mail envelopes in hand. I know he was driving to the main post office to deposit them in the drop box because Mr. Garrett or Julie told me so.
11. I returned to my office, which is in another part of the 20<sup>th</sup> floor, and entered my time spent on these and other tasks into our time-keeping software program. I typically enter the time I spend on a given matter after completing my work on that matter. I did the same thing on March 29, 2004.
12. Exhibit 1 to my declaration is a copy of the time I entered on March 29, 2004, with all entries except those pertaining to my work on the THMC:015WO and UTFC:779WO files being redacted.
13. As Ex. 1 shows, the description of the work I performed for the THCM:015WO file reads, "Prepare International Request, United States patent application and supporting documents for filing in accordance with Patent Cooperation Treaty for approval." I billed 1.7 hours to this task. Ex. 1 shows that I used the same description of work for the UTFC:779WO file, and billed 1.8 hours to the UTFC:779WO file.
14. After entering my time into our time-keeping software, I left the 20<sup>th</sup> floor of our building to go home.
15. I was waiting for a down elevator at the 20<sup>th</sup> floor elevator bank, and saw Mr. Garrett return to the office. It was shortly after 7 p.m. when he stepped off one of

the elevators that I then took down to the ground floor. I remember being surprised to see Mr. Garrett so soon, and remarked to him, "Back so soon?" or words to that effect. Mr. Garrett replied to the effect that he had a successful trip to the post office.

16. Exhibit 2 to my declaration is a copy of the time I entered on March 30, 2004, and shows that I did not spend any time on the THMC:015WO file.
17. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed: Sherry D. Stowers

Dated: February 14, 2005

Name: Sherry D. Stowers

## TimeTrax Time Report

Dates: 03/29/2004 to 03/29/2004

Work Date	Day Total	Client	MatterId	Description	Hours	Narrative	Wk	State
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		Myogen, Inc.	10015666	MYOG:004E EUROPEAN PATENT APPLICATION	0.20			T-Finalized
		TAMKO Roofing Products, Inc.	10209455	TAMA:072EBE Belgium part of EP patent no.	0.20			T-Finalized
		University of Iowa Research Foundation	10306513	IOWA:046WO IDENTIFICATION OF A GENE CAUSING THE	0.10			T-Finalized
		SeliCor, Inc.	10309839	TWAV:002WO APPARATUS FOR RF DIATHERMY	0.20			T-Finalized
		Partners HealthCare Systems, Inc.	10310554	PART:005WO TREATMENT OF PATIENTS WITH	0.20			T-Finalized
03/29/2004	8.05	Research Development Foundation	10313238	CLFR:023WO Compositions and Systems for the	0.25			T-Finalized
		Introgen Therapeutics, Inc.	10316082	INRP:104WO OVEREXPRESSION OF EXOGENOUS	0.60			T-Finalized
		University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center	10402470	UTFC:779WO MEDICAL DEVICES AND RELATED METHODS	1.80			T-Finalized
		Mr. Chip Thomson	10403967	THMC:015WO DEVICES FOR HOLDING PAPER,	1.70			T-Finalized

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Dates: 03/29/2004 to 03/29/2004

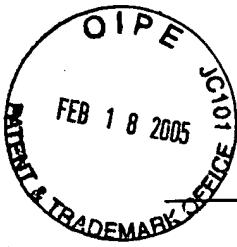
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		University of Texas at Austin	10404079	UTFB:719WO POLYAMINE/ALKALI SALT BLENDS FOR	0.40		T-Finalized
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				Accumulated Billable Total	8.05		
				Accumulated Nonbillable Total	0.00		
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	10101121	0.20		T-Finalized	VBLT:007US Assay for dopamine neuron viability	Vanderbilt University	
	10205133	0.30		T-Finalized	UTFD:845-CA Canadian Patent Application-	The University of Texas Southwestern Medical	
	10206010	0.10		T-Finalized	VBLT:015US METHODS AND APPARATUSES FOR	Vanderbilt University	
	10208009	1.10		T-Finalized	UTFB:704-WO PCT Patent Application-"Multimodal	University of Texas at Austin	
	10208504	0.70		T-Finalized	UTSB:704US - MULTIMODAL, MINIATURE		
	10306513	0.20		T-Finalized	IOWA:046WO IDENTIFICATION OF A GENE CAUSING THE	University of Iowa Research Foundation	
	10309553	1.10		T-Finalized	VBLT:017WO Method for Screening Molecular	Vanderbilt University	
	10310824	0.10		T-Finalized	FHCC:013WO METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS	Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Inc.	

## TimeTrax Time Report

Dates: 03/30/2004 to 03/30/2004

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	10313254	1.00		T-Finalized	UTFE:099WO CUSTOMIZABLE SPECTRAL PROFILES	University of Texas at El Paso	
	10316304	0.20		T-Finalized	NBLE:028AR METHOD FOR MODIFYING LIGNIN	Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation	
	10402470	0.20		T-Finalized	UTFE:779WO MEDICAL DEVICES AND RELATED METHODS	University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center	
	10403072	1.00		T-Finalized	UTFB:718GCC Multipressure Stripping for Aqueous	University of Texas at Austin	
	10404079	0.70		T-Finalized	UTFB:719WO POLYAMINE/ALKALI SALT BLENDS FOR		
March 2004	Month Total	8.05					
Accumulated Billable Total		7.25					
Accumulated Nonbillable Total		0.80					



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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Application of:  
Chip E. Thomson et al.  
  
Serial No.: 10/813,640  
  
Filed: May 30, 2004

For: DEVICES FOR HOLDING PAPER,  
CARDS, AND WALLETS

Group Art Unit: UNKNOWN  
  
Examiner: UNKNOWN  
  
Atty. Dkt. No.: THMC:015US/MTG

**SECOND DECLARATION OF MARK T. GARRETT**

I, Mark T. Garrett, declare under penalty of perjury that:

1. I have personal knowledge of the facts below.
2. I am an attorney with the Austin, Texas office of Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P.
3. I have been registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office since September 1999.

**I. Background**

4. On March 29, 2004, I filed four patent applications—including the one referenced above—with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.
5. The four patent applications I filed on March 29, 2004 are:
  - U.S. Pat. App. Ser. No. 10/813,640 entitled “Devices for Holding Paper, Cards, and Wallets” (having a internal Fulbright attorney docket number, or alias, of THMC:015US; the “present application”);
  - PCT/US2004/009493 entitled “Devices for Holding Paper, Cards, and Wallets,” which was the PCT counterpart application to the present application (and which has an internal alias of THMC:015WO);
  - U.S. Pat. App. Ser. No. 10/811,775 entitled “Medical Devices and Related Methods” (having an internal alias of UTXC:779US); and
  - PCT/US2004/009495 entitled “Medical Devices and Related Methods,” which was the PCT counterpart application to the UTXC:779US application (and which has an internal alias of UTFC:779WO).

6. A copy of the present application and all papers filed with it is attached as Exhibit 1 to this declaration.
7. I personally deposited all four of the above-referenced patent applications in an Express Mail drop box at the main post office branch located at 8225 Cross Park Drive, Austin, Texas 78710 on March 29, 2004 at or before 6:55 p.m. Each application was contained in a separate Express Mail envelope. I deposited all four envelopes together at the same time.
8. The last pick-up time for the Express Mail drop box on March 29, 2004 was 7 p.m. My secretary confirmed this fact prior to the time I left the office to drive to the post office, and I confirmed this fact by reviewing the pick-up time information on the Express Mail drop box itself prior to placing the four Express Mail envelopes into that drop box at the same time.
9. I deposited all four Express Mail envelopes containing the patent applications in the Express Mail drop box at 6:55 p.m.
10. The UTXC:779US application was accorded a filing date of March 29, 2004, the day all four applications were deposited together as described above. A copy of the customer copy of the Express Mail mailing label showing a March 29, 2004 deposit date for the UTXC:779US application is attached as Exhibit 2 to this declaration. A copy of the UTXC:779US application return postcard showing this March 29, 2004 filing date is attached as Exhibit 3 to this declaration.
11. The UTFC:779WO application was also accorded a filing date of March 29, 2004. A copy of the customer copy of the Express Mail mailing label customer receipt showing a March 29, 2004 deposit date for the UTFC:779WO application is attached as Exhibit 4 to this declaration.
12. I learned at the end of the day on Tuesday, June 8, 2004 from one of our international patent prosecution paralegals that the THMC:015WO application—the PCT application that is related to the present application—was improperly accorded a filing date of March 30, 2004. A copy of the return postcard (front and back) for the THMC:015WO application, showing it was accorded a filing date of March 30, 2004, is attached as Exhibit 5 to this declaration. The copy of the back of the return postcard shows that the postcard was received by our office on May 22, 2004.
13. After learning that the THMC:015WO application was improperly accorded a March 30, 2004 filing date, I had the file routed to me, and reviewed it on June 15, 2004. I also reviewed the file for the present application on June 15, 2004, and learned that the present application was also improperly accorded a filing date of March 30, 2004. A copy of the customer copy of the Express Mail mailing label customer receipt improperly showing a March 30, 2004 deposit date for the present application is attached as Exhibit 6 to this declaration.

14. I learned from my secretary on or about April 7, 2004 that the customer copies of the Express Mail mailing labels that we received from the USPS for the present application and the THMC:015WO application showed a date-in of March 30, 2004. I also learned from my assistant at about the same time or slightly later that the customer copy of the Express Mail mailing label for at least the UTXC:779US application showed a date-in of March 29, 2004.
15. At the time I learned this date-in information about at least three of the four applications, I decided that if we received either a postcard or a filing receipt indicating that the present application was improperly accorded a filing date of March 30, 2004, I would address the issue. I recall believing that there was a chance that the Office would still accord the present application the correct filing date of March 29, 2004 because March 29, 2004 was the date appearing on the front page of the application, the Utility Patent Application Transmittal, and the postcard.
16. It is not clear when our office received the return postcard for the present application, which is attached as Exhibit 7 to this declaration. Although the back side has a stamp of June 15, 2004 on it, that date was incorrectly placed there in response to my question about when we received the postcard. At the time we filed the June 16, 2004 Petition Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10(d) to Correct Incorrectly Entered Date-In, we had recently hired a new individual to handle the docketing work associated with incoming correspondence received from the Patent Office, and I believe this may be part of the reason why it is not clear when we received the present application's return postcard. On May 13, 2004, I was told by one of the individuals in our domestic patent prosecution support group that the postcard had not yet been received.

## **II. March 29, 2004**

17. I worked on the present application throughout the day on March 29, 2004. One of the main things I did was to review and revise the drawings for the application. The present application claims priority to, and incorporates by reference, a provisional patent application (Serial No. 60,458,492, filed on March 28, 2003) that was filed with "informal" drawings. I had "formal" drawings created for the regular application (i.e., this application).
18. Attached as Exhibit 8 is a series of copies of pages from a notebook that I used to keep track of the matters I worked on each day at and around the time of filing this patent application. I typically keep track of the time I spend on various matters throughout the day using these notebooks. This has been my practice for several years.

19. Exhibit 8 includes my time-keeping notebook pages from March 24, 2004 through March 30, 2004. The pages have been numbered 01-15 at the bottom right of each page for ease of reference.
20. Pages 10 and 11 pertain to the work I did on March 29, 2004. I did not date these 2 pages. Therefore, I have included dated pages that precede and follow the March 29, 2004 pages to show that pages 10 and 11 are, in fact, from March 29, 2004.
21. Page 1 is dated "3/24/04." My work for Wednesday March 24, 2004 spans pages 1-4, and ends where I drew a line near the top of page 4. The times noted on each page are the times that I stopped and started work on various matters. My shorthand descriptions for those matters have been redacted. For example, page 1 shows that I started work at 8:28 a.m. on a matter and stopped working on that matter at 9:00 a.m. (page 2). I then moved to another matter and stopped working on it at 9:08, and so on.
22. The next day that I worked was Thursday March 25, 2004, and begins with an 8:46 a.m. entry that follows the line I drew near the top of page 4 (undated). I typically draw lines to indicate the start of a new day if the new day begins in the middle of a page. My work for March 25, 2004 ended on page 7.
23. The next day that I worked was Friday March 26, 2004, and begins with a 9:07 a.m. entry on page 8 (undated). My work for March 26, 2004 ended on page 9.
24. I worked on Sunday March 28, 2004 on this patent application (i.e., a single matter), but did not record that work in my time-keeping notebook. This is not unusual. It is usually easy to keep track of when I start and stop working on a single matter if all I do that day is work on that single matter. In such cases, I do not need to use my notebook, which is most useful for keeping track of my time during days that involve work on many different matters. Instead, I often directly enter the time I spent on that single matter into our firm's time-keeping software.
25. The next day that I worked was Monday March 29, 2004, which begins with an 8:59 a.m. entry on page 10 (undated). My work for March 29, 2004 ended on page 11.
26. The next day that I worked was Tuesday March 30, 2004, which is dated "3/30" (top left) and begins with a 9:36 a.m. entry on page 12.
27. Page 11 of Exhibit 8 shows that I worked on "Chip's app" from 4:20 p.m. until 6:40 p.m. My reference to "Chip's app" is a reference to this patent application, which we prepared and filed for Chip Thomson, the first-named inventor of this patent application and a firm client. After I made the "6:40 – stop" entry, I went to the Post Office branch where I deposited the four patent applications discussed above.

28. By about 6:15 p.m., the present application was ready to be filed except that FIGS. 49-56 were still being prepared by the company that was preparing the formal drawings. Exhibit 9 is the email I received, transmitting those figures to me. The email was sent at 6:29 p.m. Exhibit 9 also includes the attachment referenced in the 6:29 p.m. email as “see attached,” which were 4 sheets in pdf format containing FIGS. 49-56. These are the figures that were used for FIGS. 49-56 as shown in Ex. 1. The text of the earlier emails in the string has been redacted.
29. As soon as I received the 6:29 p.m. email, I printed out 2 copies of the pdf attachment on my local printer: one copy for the present application and one copy for the THMC:015WO PCT counterpart application. These two print jobs are reflected in the print log for my local printer, which is attached as Exhibit 10.
30. The last page of Exhibit 10 shows that at 6:30:36 PM and at 6:30:43 PM, user “mg01968” (which is me) printed the file “040329\_MoneyClamp\_Fig49-52\_bria.PDF”. The file was 4 pages long and cost \$0.60 to print each time (because Fulbright charges \$0.15 per page). Although the pdf file that I printed references FIGS. 49-52, I have enclosed a screen shot of the 6:29 p.m. email as Exhibit 11, showing that its attachment is titled “040329\_MoneyClamp\_Fig49-52\_brian\_rev.pdf”, which is, in fact, the 4 sheets of FIGS. 49-56 attached to Exhibit 9.
31. After printing these two copies of the last outstanding figures, my secretary and I organized all the papers associated with this patent application, I most likely scanned through it one last time (as is my usual practice) to see if anything was missing, and my secretary sealed it in its Express Mail envelope. I most likely did the same thing with the corresponding THMC:015WO application that Sherry Stowers then sealed in an Express Mail envelope.
32. My next stop was the main Post Office.
33. According to Yahoo!® Local Maps, the distance from my office building at 600 Congress Ave., Austin, TX 78701 to the main Austin Post Office branch at 8225 Cross Park Dr., Austin, TX 78710 is 7.7 miles, and the “Approximate Travel Time” is listed as 13 minutes. This is reflected in Exhibit 12.
34. I took all four Express Mail envelopes—THMC:015US, THMC:015WO, UTXC:779US, and UTFC:779WO (like the THMC:015 applications, the UTXC:779US and UTFC:779WO applications claimed priority to a provisional patent application filed on March 28, 2003)—and went out the door, down the hall, down the main elevator bank, over to the garage elevator bank, and got to my car as quickly as I could. I then drove out of the garage as quickly as I could and headed to the main Post Office.

35. I drove fairly fast, but not so fast that I felt I was in danger of being stopped for speeding. I arrived at the intersection of US-290 East and Cross Park Drive, and was waiting behind a few cars to turn left off of US-290 East onto Cross Park Drive, where the main Post Office was just a few blocks away. I remember pulling my mobile phone out of my pocket to check the time (I do not wear a watch), and remember the time being 6:52 p.m. Traffic moved fairly quickly from there, and I remember not having to wait at the only stop light on Cross Park between US-290 and the main Post Office. Within a few minutes, I was next to the Express Mail drop box.
36. I then double-checked the label on the Express Mail drop box to ensure that it said 7 p.m. as the last pick-up time. It did. I then took all 4 envelopes contained the 4 different patent applications referenced above (i.e., the present application, the PCT counterpart THMC:015WO, and the UTXC:779US and UTFC:779WO applications), and dropped them together into the drop box.
37. I then pulled out my mobile phone to check the time again, and it was 6:55 p.m. I remember feeling happy and relieved.
38. The next thing I did as I was driving back to the office was to call my wife to let her know that everything had gone smoothly, but that I was headed back to the office to do some other work. Exhibit 13 contains a copy of the fifth page of my mobile phone bill (see notation “5 of 19” at top right) showing the calls I made on March 29, 2004 using my mobile phone number, which is 512-762-0901. My mobile phone number is registered to my wife, who set up the account. Therefore, her name appears at the top of the page above my mobile phone number.
39. Exhibit 12 shows the 2 calls to my wife: one to 512-796-5742 (my wife’s mobile phone number) at 6:55 p.m., and one to 512-371-9522 (our home phone number) at 6:57 p.m. Exhibit 14 is page 8 of 19 of our phone bill, showing that 512-796-5742 is my wife’s mobile phone number, and Exhibit 15 is the third page of our home phone bill, showing our 512-371-9522 phone number.
40. I typically call my wife after work-related visits to the Post Office or similar places to let her know where I was and what I had done. This practice is reflected in my 6:55 p.m. call to my wife’s mobile phone and the 6:57 p.m. call to our home phone. I know that I did not reach my wife with the 6:55 p.m. call because I would not have called our home number if I had. I do not specifically remember whether I reached her at our home number with the 6:57 p.m. call. I spoke with her about it, and while she remembers having received calls from me concerning my trips to the Post Office, she does not have a specific recollection of the 6:57 p.m. call.
41. As Exhibit 13 shows, I next called a co-worker of mine—Michael Barrett—who offices a few doors down from me. His mobile phone number is 512-294-1404,

and I called him at 6:59 p.m. to let him know that I had successfully filed the patent applications. Exhibit 16 is the second page from his mobile phone bill for the March 29, 2004 time period. I did not reach him with the 6:59 p.m. call.

42. As I continued driving back to the office, I then called the client, Chip Thomson, at his office/home phone number of 512-329-5225 (Ex. 13). I do not recall whether I was able to reach him with that call, but we did talk later that evening. I was working for him on a patent licensing and consulting agreement concerning this patent application, and I informed him that I had safely filed his two patent applications (i.e., this application and its PCT counterpart). I spoke with Mr. Thomson today, and he remembers working on the licensing agreement together, and remembers me informing him that the patent applications were safely filed.
43. By shortly after 7 p.m., I had returned to the office from the main Post Office. Sherry Stowers told me she remembers seeing me step off one of the elevators onto the 20<sup>th</sup> floor as she was leaving, and remarking at how quickly I had returned. I do not specifically remember seeing Sherry. I was going back to work.
44. The next thing I did was to start work at 7:10 p.m. on the patent licensing and consulting agreement referenced above. This is reflected by the entry “7:10 – work on Agmt” in my notebook. Ex. 8 at page 11. I concluded work on that matter at 10:12 p.m., as reflected by the notation “10:12 – stop.” *Id.* I spoke with Mr. Thomson during the time I was working on this matter to advise him about the agreement I was working on, and informed him at some point that the patent application filings had been successfully completed. As proof of my conversations with Mr. Thomson, I have attached Exhibit 17, which is an email I sent to him at 9:46 and which reflects the fact that we had talked. The confidential text of the emails shown in Exhibit 17 has been redacted.
45. As further proof of my work on the licensing and consulting agreement for Mr. Thomson, I have attached as Exhibit 18 an email that I sent at 10:14 p.m. to opposing counsel relating to the consulting and license agreement. The email text that contains confidential client information has been redacted.

### **III. March 30, 2004**

46. Pages 13-15 of Exhibit 8 contain time entries pertaining to the work I did on March 30, 2004. If I had actually filed the present patent application on March 30, 2004, I would have specified the time I spent working on this file in my March 30, 2004 time entries because that is my typical practice. I would have referred to that work by either the alias of this matter (THMC:015US) or some shorthand notation for this matter (e.g., “Chip’s app” as shown on page 11 of Exhibit 10) because that is my typical practice. On pages 12-14 of Exhibit 8, I left the aliases and shorthand notations of the March 30, 2004 matters I worked on to show that **none of them** concern the present patent application

(THMC:015US). This follows because I did not work on this matter—nor did I file the present patent application—on March 30, 2004. Instead, I worked on and filed the present patent application on March 29, 2004. Exhibit 19 is a screen shot of my March 30, 2004 time entries, in which I have left the alias of the matter showing and redacted the narrative describing the work.

47. I usually enter my time into the firm's time-keeping software within a few days of completing the work. In this case, it appears that I entered the time related to my March 29, 2004 work and filing on March 31, 2004. Exhibit 20 is a printout of my time entry in the firm's software relating to my March 29, 2004 work on this patent application, and Exhibit 21 is printout of my “time entry” work done on March 31, 2004, during which I recorded my March 29, 2004 Exhibit 20 time entry.
48. Exhibit 22 is a letter that was mailed on April 1, 2004 to Mr. Thomson, the client. The letter reports that this patent application was filed on March 29, 2004. The remaining content of the letter has been redacted. The document number of this letter is 25400632, which appears in the bottom left corner of the letter. The “.1” at the end of this number indicates that the letter is version 1 of document number 25400632. There was only 1 version of this document number.
49. The Exhibit 22 letter was created by my secretary, Julie Hohle, on March 30, 2004, which is within one business day after this patent application was deposited with the U.S. Post Office. It is my practice to create letters (via Mrs. Hohle) such as Exhibit 22 shortly after a patent application is filed to report the filing to the client.
50. Exhibit 23 is a screen shot taken from my computer of the “history” information for the Exhibit 22 letter. This “history” information is a log of the dates pertaining to the creation, modification and viewing of the Exhibit 22 letter. The name we assigned to the letter, and the names of the other letters appearing in the top window beneath the Exhibit 22 letter, have been redacted.
51. The earliest entry in the history log—which is the bottom-most entry—shows that user “JH10019” created document number 25400632 (i.e., the Exhibit 22 letter) on 03/30/2004 at 3:26 p.m. “JH10019” is Julie Hohle’s (i.e., my secretary’s) user identification number in our computer system.
52. Everything that I have considered indicates that Mrs. Hohle entered the “March 29, 2004” date in the first sentence of the Exhibit 22 letter on March 30, 2004 (the day she created the letter).
53. Mrs. Hohle’s standard practice of creating letters, and my standard practice of revising them, leads me to believe she in fact did enter the March 29, 2004 date into the Exhibit 22 letter on March 30, 2004.

54. Mrs. Hohle finished her revisions to the Exhibit 22 letter on March 30, 2004 as reflected in the "Modify" entry at 4:11:55 p.m. on March 30, 2004 in Exhibit 23. I revised the Exhibit 22 reporting letter on March 31, 2004. This is reflected in the MG01968 03/31/2004 "Modify" entry in Exhibit 23. "MG01968" is my user identification number on our computer system. As Exhibit 9 shows, there were no other modifications to the Exhibit 22 letter between Mrs. Hohle's March 30, 2004 modification and my March 31, 2004 modification. I do not recall making any modification to the March 29, 2004 filing date during my March 31 modification.
55. Thus, consistent with my practice and Mrs. Hohle's, the March 29, 2004 filing date recited in the first sentence of the Exhibit 22 reporting letter would have been on the letter when I first revised it on March 31, 2004, meaning Mrs. Hohle would have entered into the letter on March 30, 2004. This follows because her last modification to the letter took place on March 30, 2004, and she does not—consistent with her standard practice—give me reporting letters to review prior to entering the correct filing date of the application in the letter. I do not recall changing the March 29, 2004 date in the Exhibit 22 letter as part of any modifications I made.
56. All statements made of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued on it.

Signed: Mark Garrett Dated: 2-14-05  
Name: Mark T. Garrett  
Reg. No.: 44,699

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**IDENTIFICATION OF APPLICATION**

Serial No.:	Unknown
Title:	Devices for Holding Paper, Cards, and Wallets
Applicant:	Chip E. Thomson et al.
Client:	Blue Chip Promotions, L.L.C.
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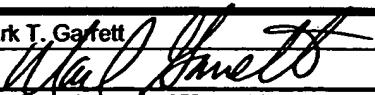
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1                   **CROSS-REFERENCE(S) TO RELATED APPLICATION(S)**

2                  This application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No.  
3                 60/458,492, filed March 28, 2003, the entire contents of which are expressly incorporated  
4                 by reference.

5                   **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

6                   **1. Field of the Invention**

7                  The present invention relates generally to devices that hold paper, cards, and/or a  
8                 wallet.

9                   **2. Description of Related Art**

10                 Devices that hold money, whether in the form of paper currency or credit cards,  
11                 come in a variety of shapes and sizes. Examples of such devices, sometimes referred to  
12                 as money clips, are found in U.S. Patent Nos. 6,327,749, 5,249,437, and 4,675,953.  
13                 Devices known as binder clips, which are typically used in an office setting for keeping  
14                 documents together in the absence of a staple, have been used as money clips. This is  
15                 true of both binder clips without ornamentation of any kind, such as those depicted in  
16                 U.S. Patent Nos. 1,150,073 and 1,139,627, and with ornamentation as shown in U.S.  
17                 Patent No. 6,327,749. Other binder clips are disclosed in U.S. Patent Nos. D372,498 and  
18                 D321,210.

19                   **SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

20                 The present invention includes devices suited to holding paper (such as currency,  
21                 notes, receipts, business cards or the like), cards (such as credit cards or the like), and/or  
22                 wallets. The devices may be used to advertise corporate or other types of logos. The

1 present devices may be referred to as money clips, although they are well-suited to  
2 holding things other than money.

3 In one embodiment, the invention is a device that comprises a clip having two  
4 ends and a leverage bump; and an arm pivotally coupled to each end. One of the arms  
5 contacts the leverage bump when the clip is opened. In one version of this embodiment,  
6 the leverage bump includes two outer portions and a middle portion, and the two outer  
7 portions protrude more outwardly from the clip than the middle portion. In another  
8 version of this embodiment, the clip has two leverage bumps, and each arm contacts a  
9 leverage bump when the clip is opened. In another version of this embodiment, each  
10 leverage bump includes two outer portions and a middle portion, and the two outer  
11 portions of each leverage bump protrude more outwardly from the clip than the middle  
12 portion. In another version of this embodiment, each arm includes two hinge elements  
13 separated by two slots and a middle segment, and each hinge element has an elongated  
14 segment and a hinge segment. In another version of this embodiment, each end of the  
15 clip includes an arm-retaining portion, and the hinge segments of a given arm fit at least  
16 partially within the arm-retaining portion of an end of the clip. In another version of this  
17 embodiment, the hinge elements of each arm are longer than the middle segment of that  
18 arm. In another version of this embodiment, an edge of the middle segment of each arm  
19 is positioned near the arm-retaining portion of an end of the clip. In another version of  
20 this embodiment, each arm has a widest portion and the clip has a widest portion, and the  
21 widest portions of the arms and the clip have substantially the same width. In another  
22 version of this embodiment, the widest portion of each arm is positioned near the widest  
23 portion of the clip. In another version of this embodiment, each arm includes an

1 indentation. In another version of this embodiment, each arm includes an insert in the  
2 indentation. In another version of this embodiment, the device also includes a wallet  
3 configured to be held by the clip.

4 In another embodiment, the invention is a device that includes a clip having a  
5 receiving portion and a holding portion, the receiving portion including an arch, and the  
6 holding portion including two ends; and an arm pivotally coupled to each end. In one  
7 version of this embodiment, the clip has two leverage bumps, and each arm contacts a  
8 leverage bump when the clip is opened. In another version of this embodiment, each arm  
9 includes two hinge elements separated by two slots and a middle segment, and each hinge  
10 element has an elongated segment and a hinge segment. In another version of this  
11 embodiment, each end of the clip includes an arm-retaining portion, and the hinge  
12 segments of a given arm fit at least partially within the arm-retaining portion of an end of  
13 the clip. In another version of this embodiment, each arm has a widest portion and the  
14 clip has a widest portion, and the widest portions of the arms and the clip have  
15 substantially the same width. In another version of this embodiment, the widest portion  
16 of each arm is positioned near the widest portion of the clip. In another version of this  
17 embodiment, the device also includes a wallet configured to be held by the clip.

18 In another embodiment, the invention is a device that has a spring having an  
19 arcuate-shaped portion at one end and two arm-retaining portions; and an arm pivotally  
20 coupled to each arm-retaining portion. In one version of this embodiment, the spring also  
21 has a leverage bump that is contacted by one of the arms when the spring is opened. In  
22 another version of this embodiment, the spring also has two leverage bumps, and each  
23 arm contacts a leverage bump when the spring is opened. In another version of this

1 embodiment, the leverage bump includes two outer portions and a middle portion, and  
2 the two outer portions protrude more outwardly from the spring than the middle portion.  
3 In another version of this embodiment, each leverage bump includes two outer portions  
4 and a middle portion, and the two outer portions of each leverage bump protrude more  
5 outwardly from the spring than the middle portion. In another version of this  
6 embodiment, each arm includes two hinge elements separated by two slots and a middle  
7 segment, and each hinge element has an elongated segment and a hinge segment. In  
8 another version of this embodiment, the hinge segments of a given arm fit at least  
9 partially within an arm-retaining portion of the spring. In another version of this  
10 embodiment, the hinge elements of each arm are longer than the middle segment of that  
11 arm. In another version of this embodiment, an edge of the middle segment of each arm is  
12 positioned near an arm-retaining portion of the spring. In another version of this  
13 embodiment, each arm has a widest portion and the spring has a widest portion, and the  
14 widest portions of the arms and the spring have substantially the same width. In another  
15 version of this embodiment, the widest portion of each arm is positioned near the widest  
16 portion of the spring. In another version of this embodiment, each arm includes an  
17 indentation. In another version of this embodiment, each arm includes an insert in the  
18 indentation. In another version of this embodiment, the device also includes a wallet  
19 configured to be held by the spring.

20 In another embodiment, the invention is a device that includes a clip having an  
21 outer surface; an outer element contacting the outer surface of the clip, the outer element  
22 having two ends; and an arm pivotally coupled to each end. In one version of this  
23 embodiment, one arm includes a protrusion, and the protrusion contacts the outer element

1 when the clip is opened. In another version of this embodiment, the outer element  
2 includes two sides that are hinged together. In another version of this embodiment, the  
3 two sides are hinged together with a pin. In another version of this embodiment, each side  
4 includes an outer surface and a recessed portion in the outer surface. In another version of  
5 this embodiment, each arm includes a protrusion. In another version of this embodiment,  
6 each arm is pivotally coupled to an end with a pin. In another version of this embodiment,  
7 each arm includes a coupling portion that contacts the pin coupling that arm to an end. In  
8 another version of this embodiment, the outer element includes an inner surface that  
9 includes a recessed portion, and the clip contacts the recessed portion of the inner surface.  
10 In another version of this embodiment, where the outer element includes two sides that  
11 are coupled, each side has an inner surface, the inner surfaces of the sides together  
12 comprise the inner surface of the outer element, the inner surfaces of the two sides each  
13 include a recessed portion that is part of the recessed portion of the inner surface of the  
14 outer element, and the clip contacts the recessed portion of the inner surface of each of  
15 the two sides. In another version of this embodiment, the recessed portion of the inner  
16 surface of each side is bordered by two shoulder portions. In another version of this  
17 embodiment, each shoulder portion includes a groove into which a portion of the clip fits.  
18 In another version of this embodiment, each arm includes a coupling portion that contacts  
19 a pin hinging the arm to an end. In another version of this embodiment, each end includes  
20 a coupling portion that contacts the pin hinging an arm to the end. In another version of  
21 this embodiment, the clip includes a back portion and two retainer portions, each retainer  
22 portion having an upper retainer element and a lower retainer element, the upper and  
23 lower retainer elements of each retainer portion being separated by a holding element that

1 extends farther from the back portion than either retainer element. In another version of  
2 this embodiment, the device includes a wallet configured to be held by the clip.

3 In another embodiment, the invention is a device that includes a clip; an outer  
4 element having a recess and two ends, a portion of the clip contacting a portion of the  
5 recess; and an arm pivotally coupled to each end with a pin. In one version of this  
6 embodiment, each arm includes a protrusion, and both protrusions contact the outer  
7 element when the clip is opened. In another version of this embodiment, the outer  
8 element includes an outer surface and two recessed portions in the outer surface. In  
9 another version of this embodiment, the device also includes a wallet configured to be  
10 held by the clip.

11 In another embodiment, the invention is a device that includes a clip having an  
12 outer surface; an outer element contacting the outer surface of the clip, the outer element  
13 having two sides, each side having two elongated elements defining between them an arm  
14 recess; and an arm pivotally coupled to each side of the outer element and positioned in  
15 an arm recess. In one version of this embodiment, one arm includes a leverage bump, and  
16 the leverage bump contacts the outer element when the clip is opened. In another version  
17 of this embodiment, each arm includes a leverage bump, and each leverage bump  
18 contacts the outer element when the clip is opened. In another version of this  
19 embodiment, one arm includes a leverage bump, one side includes a leverage bump, and  
20 the leverage bump of the arm contacts the leverage bump of the side when the clip is  
21 opened. In another version of this embodiment, each arm includes a leverage bump, each  
22 side includes a leverage bump, and the leverage bump of each arm contacts the leverage

1 bump of a side when the clip is opened. In another version of this embodiment, the device  
2 also includes a wallet configured to be held by the clip.

3 In another embodiment, the invention is a device that includes a clip having two  
4 hinges positioned beside each other, each hinge having two outer open ends; and an arm  
5 pivotally coupled to each hinge, each arm including two hinge segments that are  
6 positioned at least partially within the two outer open ends of each hinge, one of the  
7 hinge segments having a non-circular cross-sectional profile. The device is sized to hold  
8 one or more of paper, cards and a wallet. In one version of this embodiment, the clip has  
9 a leverage bump positioned such that one of the arms contacts the leverage bump when  
10 the clip is opened. In another version of this embodiment, each arm has an elongated  
11 segment extending from the hinge segment of that arm; and, when the clip is opened, an  
12 elongated segment of a given arm contacts the clip before the given arm contacts the  
13 leverage bump. In another version of this embodiment, the clip has two leverage bumps,  
14 and each arm contacts a leverage bump when the clip is opened. In another version of this  
15 embodiment, the elongated segments of a given arm are separated by two slots and a  
16 middle segment. In another version of this embodiment, each arm has a hinge element  
17 that includes one of the elongated segments and one of the hinge segments, and the hinge  
18 element of a given arm is longer than the middle segment of the given arm. In another  
19 version of this embodiment, an edge of the middle segment of each arm is positioned near  
20 a hinge of the clip. In another version of this embodiment, each arm has a widest portion  
21 and the clip having a widest portion, and the widest portions of the arms and the clip have  
22 substantially the same width. In another version of this embodiment, the widest portion of  
23 each arm is positioned near the widest portion of the clip. In another version of this

1 embodiment, each arm includes an indentation. In another version of this embodiment, the  
2 indentation of one of the arms protrudes outwardly so as to be closer to the leverage bump  
3 of the clip than any other portion of that arm when that arm is bent back and in contact  
4 with the leverage bump. In another version of this embodiment, the device also includes a  
5 wallet configured to be held by the clip.

6 In another embodiment, the invention is a device that includes a clip that is not  
7 substantially triangular in shape when in an empty closed position, the clip having two  
8 ends; and an arm pivotally coupled to each end. The device is sized to hold one or more  
9 of paper, cards and a wallet. In one version of this embodiment, each end has a hinge to  
10 which an arm is pivotally coupled. In another version of this embodiment, each arm  
11 includes two hinge segments that are positioned at least partially within the hinge to  
12 which that arm is pivotally coupled, and one of the hinge segments has a non-circular  
13 cross-sectional profile. In another version of this embodiment, the clip has a leverage  
14 bump positioned such that one of the arms contacts the leverage bump when the clip is  
15 opened. In another version of this embodiment, each arm has an elongated segment  
16 extending from the hinge segment of that arm; and, when the clip is opened, an elongated  
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18 bump. In another version of this embodiment, the clip has two leverage bumps, and each  
19 arm contacts a leverage bump when the clip is opened. In another version of this  
20 embodiment, the elongated segments of a given arm are separated by two slots and a  
21 middle segment. In another version of this embodiment, each arm has a hinge element  
22 that includes one of the elongated segments and one of the hinge segments, and the hinge  
23 element of a given arm are longer than the middle segment of the given arm. In another

1 version of this embodiment, an edge of the middle segment of each arm is positioned near  
2 a hinge of the clip. In another version of this embodiment, each arm has a widest portion  
3 and the clip having a widest portion, and the widest portions of the arms and the clip have  
4 substantially the same width. In another version of this embodiment, the widest portion of  
5 each arm is positioned near the widest portion of the clip. In another version of this  
6 embodiment, each arm includes an indentation. In another version of this embodiment, the  
7 indentation of one of the arms protrudes outwardly so as to be closer to the leverage bump  
8 of the clip than any other portion of that arm when that arm is bent back and in contact  
9 with the leverage bump. In another version of this embodiment, the device also includes a  
10 wallet configured to be held by the clip. In another version of this embodiment, each arm  
11 is a non-wire frame arm.

12 In another embodiment, the invention is a device that includes a clip that has an  
13 open position that includes two substantially parallel sides connected by an arch, the clip  
14 also having two ends; and an arm pivotally coupled to each end. The device is sized to  
15 hold one or more of paper, cards and a wallet. In one version of this embodiment, each  
16 arm is a non-wire frame arm. In another version of this embodiment, each end has a hinge  
17 to which an arm is pivotally coupled. In another version of this embodiment, each arm  
18 includes two hinge segments that are positioned at least partially within the hinge to  
19 which that arm is pivotally coupled, and one of the hinge segments having a non-circular  
20 cross-sectional profile. In another version of this embodiment, the clip has a leverage  
21 bump positioned such that one of the arms contacts the leverage bump when the clip is  
22 opened. In another version of this embodiment, each arm has an elongated segment  
23 extending from the hinge segment of that arm; and, when the clip is opened, an elongated

1 segment of a given arm contacts the clip before the given arm contacts the leverage  
2 bump. In another version of this embodiment, the clip has two leverage bumps, and each  
3 arm contacts a leverage bump when the clip is opened. In another version of this  
4 embodiment, the elongated segments of a given arm are separated by two slots and a  
5 middle segment. In another version of this embodiment, each arm has a hinge element  
6 that includes one of the elongated segments and one of the hinge segments, and the hinge  
7 element of a given arm are longer than the middle segment of the given arm. In another  
8 version of this embodiment, an edge of the middle segment of each arm is positioned near  
9 a hinge of the clip. In another version of this embodiment, each arm has a widest portion  
10 and the clip having a widest portion, and the widest portions of the arms and the clip have  
11 substantially the same width. In another version of this embodiment, the widest portion of  
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13 embodiment, each arm includes an indentation. In another version of this embodiment, the  
14 indentation of one of the arms protrudes outwardly so as to be closer to the leverage bump  
15 of the clip than any other portion of that arm when that arm is bent back and in contact  
16 with the leverage bump. In another version of this embodiment, the device also includes a  
17 wallet configured to be held by the clip.

18       In another embodiment, the invention is a device that includes a clip having two  
19 arm-retaining portions that are positioned beside each other when the clip is in an empty  
20 closed position; and a non-wire frame arm pivotally coupled to each arm-retaining  
21 portion. Each arm-retaining portion and the non-wire frame arm pivotally coupled to that  
22 arm-retaining portion are configured such that the non-wire frame arms snap into position  
23 as they are moved from a bent-back position to a closed position. The device is sized to

1 hold one or more of paper, cards and a wallet. In one version of this embodiment, the clip  
2 has an open position that includes two substantially parallel sides connected by an arch,  
3 and the arm-retaining portions of the clip define two ends of the clip. In another version  
4 of this embodiment, each arm includes two hinge segments that are positioned at least  
5 partially within the arm-retaining portion to which that arm is pivotally coupled, and one  
6 of the hinge segments has a non-circular cross-sectional profile. In another version of this  
7 embodiment, the clip has a leverage bump positioned such that one of the arms contacts  
8 the leverage bump when the clip is opened. In another version of this embodiment, each  
9 arm has an elongated segment extending from the hinge segment of that arm; and, when  
10 the clip is opened, an elongated segment of a given arm contacts the clip before the given  
11 arm contacts the leverage bump. In another version of this embodiment, the clip has two  
12 leverage bumps, and each arm contacts a leverage bump when the clip is opened. In  
13 another version of this embodiment, the elongated segments of a given arm are separated  
14 by two slots and a middle segment. In another version of this embodiment, each arm has  
15 a hinge element that includes one of the elongated segments and one of the hinge  
16 segments, and the hinge element of a given arm are longer than the middle segment of the  
17 given arm. In another version of this embodiment, an edge of the middle segment of each  
18 arm is positioned near a hinge of the clip. In another version of this embodiment, each  
19 arm has a widest portion and the clip having a widest portion, and the widest portions of  
20 the arms and the clip have substantially the same width. In another version of this  
21 embodiment, the widest portion of each arm is positioned near the widest portion of the  
22 clip. In another version of this embodiment, each arm includes an indentation. In another  
23 version of this embodiment, the indentation of one of the arms protrudes outwardly so as to

1 be closer to the leverage bump of the clip than any other portion of that arm when that  
2 arm is bent back and in contact with the leverage bump. In another version of this  
3 embodiment, the device also includes a wallet configured to be held by the clip.

4 In another embodiment, the invention is a device that includes a clip that has (a) a  
5 main portion, (b) two hinges that define a first end, and (c) a second end; and an arm  
6 pivotally coupled to each hinge. The clip and arms are configured such that when force  
7 is applied to begin opening the clip, contact between a given arm and the main portion of  
8 the clip occurs at a location that is closer to the first end than to the second end, and the  
9 clip will begin to open before any contact between the given arm and the main portion of  
10 the clip occurs at a second location that is closer to the second end than the first end. The  
11 device is sized to hold one or more of paper, cards and a wallet. In one version of this  
12 embodiment, each arm is a non-wire frame arm. In another version of this embodiment,  
13 each arm includes two hinge segments that are positioned at least partially within the  
14 hinge to which that arm is pivotally coupled, and one of the hinge segments has a non-  
15 circular cross-sectional profile. In another version of this embodiment, the clip has a  
16 leverage bump positioned such that one of the arms contacts the leverage bump when the  
17 clip is opened. In another version of this embodiment, each arm has an elongated segment  
18 extending from the hinge segment of that arm; and, when the clip is opened, an elongated  
19 segment of a given arm contacts the clip before the given arm contacts the leverage  
20 bump. In another version of this embodiment, the clip has two leverage bumps, and each  
21 arm contacts a leverage bump when the clip is opened. In another version of this  
22 embodiment, the elongated segments of a given arm are separated by two slots and a  
23 middle segment. In another version of this embodiment, each arm has a hinge element

1 that includes one of the elongated segments and one of the hinge segments, and the hinge  
2 element of a given arm are longer than the middle segment of the given arm. In another  
3 version of this embodiment, an edge of the middle segment of each arm is positioned near  
4 a hinge of the clip. In another version of this embodiment, each arm has a widest portion  
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12 wallet configured to be held by the clip.

13 In another embodiment, the invention is a device that includes a clip having two  
14 ends; and an arm pivotally coupled to each end, each arm having a length and being  
15 bowed along the length. The device is sized to hold one or more of paper, cards and a  
16 wallet. In one version of this embodiment, each arm is a non-wire frame arm. In another  
17 version of this embodiment, each end has a hinge to which an arm is pivotally coupled. In  
18 another version of this embodiment, each arm includes two hinge segments that are  
19 positioned at least partially within the hinge to which that arm is pivotally coupled, and  
20 one of the hinge segments having a non-circular cross-sectional profile. In another  
21 version of this embodiment, the clip has a leverage bump positioned such that one of the  
22 arms contacts the leverage bump when the clip is opened. In another version of this  
23 embodiment, each arm has an elongated segment extending from the hinge segment of

1       that arm; and, when the clip is opened, an elongated segment of a given arm contacts the  
2       clip before the given arm contacts the leverage bump. In another version of this  
3       embodiment, the clip has two leverage bumps, and each arm contacts a leverage bump  
4       when the clip is opened. In another version of this embodiment, the elongated segments  
5       of a given arm are separated by two slots and a middle segment. In another version of this  
6       embodiment, each arm has a hinge element that includes one of the elongated segments  
7       and one of the hinge segments, and the hinge element of a given arm are longer than the  
8       middle segment of the given arm. In another version of this embodiment, an edge of the  
9       middle segment of each arm is positioned near a hinge of the clip. In another version of  
10      this embodiment, each arm has a widest portion and the clip having a widest portion, and  
11      the widest portions of the arms and the clip have substantially the same width. In another  
12      version of this embodiment, the widest portion of each arm is positioned near the widest  
13      portion of the clip. In another version of this embodiment, each arm includes an  
14      indentation. In another version of this embodiment, the indentation of one of the arms  
15      protrudes outwardly so as to be closer to the leverage bump of the clip than any other  
16      portion of that arm when that arm is bent back and in contact with the leverage bump. In  
17      another version of this embodiment, the device also includes a wallet configured to be  
18      held by the clip.

19           Other embodiments of the present devices are described below.

20           **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

21           The following drawings demonstrate certain aspects of the present devices. They  
22       illustrate by way of example and not limitation. The embodiments of the present devices  
23       depicted in the drawings are to scale unless otherwise noted. The paper positioned

1 around the wallets depicted in certain of the present figures is a generic representation of  
2 U.S. dollars that is not to scale.

3 FIG. 1 is a perspective view of one of the present devices.

4 FIG. 2 is a side view of the device shown in FIG. 1.

5 FIG. 3 is a front view of the device shown in FIG. 1.

6 FIG. 4 is a back view of the device shown in FIG. 1.

7 FIG. 5 is a top view of the device shown in FIG. 1.

8 FIG. 6 is a side view of an arm of the device shown in FIG. 1.

9 FIG. 7 is an exploded view of the elements of the device shown in FIG. 1, viewed  
10 in perspective.

11 FIG. 8 is a perspective view of the device shown in FIG. 1, where the arms of the  
12 device are bent back, but the clip of the device is not open.

13 FIG. 9 is a top view of the device shown in FIG. 1, depicting that device in an  
14 opened position.

15 FIG. 10 is a top view of the device shown in FIG. 1, showing that the device can  
16 include a wallet.

17 FIG. 11 is a side view of another of the present devices.

18 FIG. 12 is a top view of the device shown in FIG. 11.

19 FIG. 13 is a side view of an arm of the device shown in FIG. 11.

20 FIG. 14 is a side view of another of the present devices.

1 FIG. 15 is a top view of the device shown in FIG. 14.

2 FIG. 16 is a side view of an arm of the device shown in FIG. 14.

3 FIG. 17 is a perspective view of another of the present devices.

4 FIG. 18 is a side view of the device shown in FIG. 17.

5 FIG. 19 is a front view of the device shown in FIG. 17.

6 FIG. 20 is a back view of the device shown in FIG. 17.

7 FIG. 21 is a top view of the device shown in FIG. 17.

8 FIG. 22 is a cross sectional view of the device shown in FIG. 17, taken along  
9 cross-sectional line 18-18 shown in FIG. 18.

10 FIG. 23 is a view of the inter surface of one of the sides of the outer element of  
11 the device in FIG. 17.

12 FIG. 24 is a perspective view of the side shown in FIG. 23.

13 FIG. 25 is an exploded view of the elements of the device shown in FIG. 17,  
14 viewed in perspective.

15 FIG. 26 is a top view of the device shown in FIG. 17, depicting that device in an  
16 opened position around a wallet.

17 FIG. 27A is a side view of the device shown in FIG. 17 in a closed position  
18 around a wallet and lacking the indentation shown in FIG. 17.

19 FIG. 27B is a cross-sectional view of the device depicted in FIG. 27A, taken  
20 along cross-sectional line 27A-27A in FIG. 27A.

1 FIG. 27C is a view of the detail circled in FIG. 27B.

2 FIGS. 28A-28O include a series of side, cross-sectional and detail views showing  
3 different positions of the arms of the device shown in FIG. 17 relative to holding  
4 elements of the clip of that device. Specifically, FIG. 28B is a cross-sectional view taken  
5 along cross-sectional line 28A-28A in FIG. 28A; FIG. 28C is a view of the detail circled  
6 in FIG. 28B; FIG. 28E is a cross-sectional view taken along cross-sectional line 28D-28D  
7 in FIG. 28D; FIG. 28F is a view of the detail circled in FIG. 28E; FIG. 28H is a cross-  
8 sectional view taken along cross-sectional line 28G-28G in FIG. 28G; FIG. 28I is a view  
9 of the detail circled in FIG. 28H; FIG. 28K is a cross-sectional view taken along cross-  
10 sectional line 28J-28J in FIG. 28J; FIG. 28L is a view of the detail circled in FIG. 28K;  
11 FIG. 28N is a cross-sectional view taken along cross-sectional line 28M-28 in FIG. 28M;  
12 and FIG. 28O is a view of the detail circled in FIG. 28N.

13 FIG. 29 is a perspective view of another of the present devices.

14 FIG. 30 is a side view of the device depicted in FIG. 29.

15 FIG. 31 is a front view of the device depicted in FIG. 29.

16 FIG. 32 is a back view of the device depicted in FIG. 29.

17 FIG. 33 is a top view of the device depicted in FIG. 29.

18 FIG. 34 is a top view of the device depicted in FIG. 29, showing that the device  
19 may include a wallet.

20 FIG. 35 is a top view showing the arms of the device depicted in FIG. 29 folded  
21 back.

1           FIG. 36 is an exploded view of the elements of another version of the device  
2           depicted in FIG. 29.

3           FIGS. 37-42 are inside (side), outside (side), end, top, outside perspective, and  
4           inside perspective views, respectively, of a version of one of the present arms that has an  
5           outwardly protruding indentation.

6           FIGS. 43-48 are inside (side), outside (side), end, top, outside perspective, and  
7           inside perspective views, respectively, of another version of one of the present arms that  
8           has an outwardly protruding indentation.

9           FIGS. 49-50 are top and detail views, respectively, showing a configuration of  
10          one embodiment of one of the present clips and the present arms configured such that the  
11          arms contact the clip early in the opening process for increased leverage, in contrast to  
12          the manner in which traditional binder clips work.

13          FIGS. 51-52 are top and detail views, respectively, showing the embodiment of  
14          device depicted in FIGS. 49 and 50 is an open position resulting from the benefit of that  
15          increased leverage.

16          FIGS. 53-56 are side, end and detail views showing one embodiment of a suitable  
17          shape for certain of the present hinges, especially the shape of the portion of hinge that  
18          defines its outer open ends. Such shape furthers the likelihood that the arms that are  
19          coupled to such hinges will snap into place as they are closed.

20          FIGS. 57A-57D are a series of views showing one of the present hinges and the  
21          position—during the process of closing the arms—of a cross-sectionally depicted portion

1 of one of the present hinge segments that is positioned at least partially within that hinge  
2 (e.g., within an outer open end of the same).

3 FIG. 58 is a perspective view of one of the present devices that has bowed arms.

4 FIG. 59 is a side view of the device shown in FIG. 58.

5 FIG. 60 is a front view of the device shown in FIG. 58.

6 FIG. 61 is a rear perspective view of the device shown in FIG. 58.

7 FIG. 62 is a top view of the device shown in FIG. 58.

8 **DESCRIPTION OF ILLUSTRATIVE EMBODIMENTS**

9 The terms "comprise" (and any form of comprise, such as "comprises" and  
10 "comprising"), "have" (and any form of have, such as "has" and "having"), and "include"  
11 (and any form of include, such as "includes" and "including") are open-ended linking  
12 verbs. Thus, a device "comprising" a clip having two ends and a leverage bump, and an  
13 arm coupled to each end is a device that possesses such a clip and such arms, but is not  
14 limited to possessing those items. For example, the device may also possess a wallet  
15 configured to be held by the clip. Likewise, a clip "having" two ends and a leverage  
16 bump possesses those features, but is not excluded from possessing additional features  
17 such as an additional leverage bump.

18 The terms "a" and "an" mean one or more than one. The term "another" means at  
19 least a second or more.

20 Those of skill in the art will appreciate that in the detailed description below,  
21 certain well known manufacturing and assembly techniques have been omitted so that the  
22 present devices are not obscured in unnecessary detail. Similarly, some features of the

1 some of the devices have not been labeled in all of the drawings, so that the drawings are  
2 not unnecessarily cluttered. Any dimensions provided in English units may be translated  
3 to the corresponding metric unit by rounding to the nearest millimeter.

4 FIGS. 1-9 show different views of one of the present devices. FIG. 10 shows that  
5 the device depicted in FIGS. 1-9 may include a wallet. Turning first to FIG. 1, device  
6 100 includes a clip 10 having two ends 14 and a leverage bump 16. More specifically,  
7 clip 10 shown in FIG. 1 includes two leverage bumps 16. Device 100 also includes an  
8 arm 20 that is pivotally coupled to each end 14. As will be shown in another figure and  
9 described below, one of the arms of device 100 contacts a leverage bump when the clip is  
10 opened. More specifically, in the embodiment shown in FIG. 1, each arm 20 will contact  
11 a leverage bump 16 when clip 10 is opened. Arms 20—as well as arms 50, 80, 430, and  
12 530—are examples of non-wire frame arms. In contrast, the following patents disclose  
13 only arms with wire frames: U.S. Patents D321,209; D321,210; 1,139,627; 1,150,073;  
14 4,332,060; 4,402,530; 4,532,680; 4,761,862; 5,249,336 (shows wire frame covered with a  
15 sleeve); 5,533,236; 5,896,624; and 6,327,749. Clip 10 may be characterized as a clip that  
16 is not substantially triangular in shape when in an empty (nothing in it) closed position, as  
17 shown for example in FIGS. 1 and 5. In contrast, the following patents and application  
18 disclose only clips that are substantially triangular in shape when in an empty closed  
19 position: U.S. Patents D321,209; D321,210; D372,498; D485,780; 1,139,627; 1,150,073;  
20 4,332,060; 4,402,530; 4,532,680; 4,761,862; 5,249,336; 5,533,236; 5,896,624; 6,327,749;  
21 and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/060,942 filed January 30, 2002 in the name of  
22 Chip Thomson.

1 Clip 10 of device 100 in FIGS. 1-10, as well as clip 10 in devices 200 and 300  
2 depicted in FIGS. 11-16, may also be referred to in this document (including the claims)  
3 as a spring. The leverage bump that are part of the present clips may be any suitable  
4 shape configured to contact the present arms when those clips are opened. The present  
5 leverage bumps may be formed by placing extra material on a clip that has already been  
6 created and attaching that material to the clip in any suitable fashion, such as through the  
7 use of an adhesive, heat, pressure, soldering, welding, or any combination of these.  
8 Alternatively, the present leverage bumps may be created with the clips as the clips are  
9 formed. For example, the leverage bumps shown throughout FIGS. 1-16 may be stamped  
10 out such that they protrude outwardly from the outside of the clips and have a  
11 corresponding indentation on the inside of the clips.

12 A version of a suitable leverage bump for use with the present clips is shown  
13 generally in FIGS. 1-16. Each leverage bump 16 includes two outer portions 17 and a  
14 middle portion 19. As shown in the figures, and most clearly in, for example, FIG. 3,  
15 outer portions 17 protrude more outwardly from clip 10 than does middle portion 19.  
16 Suitable exemplary thicknesses for the material that may be used to make certain  
17 embodiments of clip 10 include spring steel having a thickness of 0.025 inches to 0.018  
18 inches.

19 In the embodiment of the present devices shown in FIGS. 1-10, arms 20 each  
20 include an indentation 32 and an insert 34 contacting, or otherwise positioned in, the  
21 indentation. The shape of the indentation may be created to match the shape of the insert.  
22 However, while both may have flat surfaces to facilitate attachment of the two, indentation  
23 32 may have a slightly different shape than an insert 34 placed in it, as shown in these

1 figures. Suitable exemplary thicknesses for the material that may be used to make certain  
2 embodiments of clip 10 include 0.048 inches to 0.062 inches.

3 FIG. 2 is a side of the device shown in FIG. 1. FIG. 2 shows that each arm 20  
4 includes two hinge elements 22 that are separated by two slots 24 and a middle  
5 segment 26. As shown in FIGS. 6 and 7, each hinge element 22 has an elongated  
6 segment 25 and a hinge segment 27. As shown in FIGS. 2, 5, 7 and 8, each end 14 of clip  
7 10 includes an arm-retaining portion 18. These portions may also be characterized as  
8 hinges 18. The arm-retaining portions 18 of clip 10 are positioned beside each when clip  
9 10 is in an empty closed position, as it is in FIGS. 1 and 5. The arm-retaining portions  
10 are cylindrical in shape and are unbroken along their lengths, which respectively span  
11 substantially the entire width of clip 10. The term "substantially" is defined as at least  
12 close to (and can include) a given value or state (preferably within 10% of, more  
13 preferably within 1% of, and most preferably within 0.1% of). A suitable diameter for  
14 the cylinder shape of one embodiment of hinge 18 is 0.085 inches inner diameter. Each  
15 arm-retaining portion, or hinge, also has two outer open ends. As shown schematically in  
16 FIG. 7, the hinge segments 27 of a given arm 20 are designed to be placed in one of the  
17 two arm-retaining portions of clip 10. As a result of that placement, and as shown in  
18 FIGS. 1, 2, and 8, the hinge segments are located, or positioned, at least partially within  
19 the arm-retaining portion in which they are placed (the hinge segments are not labeled in  
20 these figures). The result of that placement may also be characterized as positioning the  
21 hinge segments at least partially within the two outer open ends of each hinge. Those  
22 hinge segments may have a non-circular cross-sectional profile, as does hinge segment 57  
23 shown in FIGS. 57A-57D.

1 FIGS. 3 and 4 show what device 100 looks like from the front and back,  
2 respectively. FIG. 5 shows what device 100 looks like from the top. FIG. 7  
3 schematically shows how the elements of device 100 fit together. FIG. 6 shows a side  
4 view of handle 20 of device 100. FIG. 8 shows a perspective view of device 100, where  
5 arms 20 have been folded back, but clip 10 has not yet been opened.

6 FIG. 6 shows that the hinge elements 22 of arm 20 of device 100 may be longer  
7 than the middle segment 26 of that arm. Specifically, hinge elements 22 are shown  
8 having a length 22L that is greater than length 26L of middle segment 26. A suitable  
9 distance for the length of the entirety of one embodiment of arm 20 is 2.275 inches.

10 Returning to FIG. 2, middle segment 26 includes an edge 29 that is positioned  
11 near arm-retaining portion 18 of clip 10. This may be true of the middle segments of  
12 both arms 20 of device 100, although only one arm 20 is visible in FIG. 2. FIG. 2 also  
13 shows that each arm 20 of device 100 has a widest portion 20WP that has substantially  
14 the same width as the widest portion 10WP of clip 10. A suitable distance for 10WP of  
15 one embodiment of clip 10 is 1.481 inches, and a suitable distance for 20WP of one  
16 embodiment of arm 20 is 1.485 inches. Although the widest portions of the present clips  
17 and arms may be positioned anywhere along the lengths of those items, FIG. 2 shows  
18 that, in one embodiment, widest portion 20WP of each arm 20 is positioned near widest  
19 portion 10WP of clip 10.

20 The indentations of the arms of the devices shown in figures 1-16 are positioned  
21 such that the inserts in those indentations (or the indentations themselves) do not contact the  
22 leverage bumps when the clips are opened. This is shown, for example, in FIG. 9, which  
23 depicts clip 10 in an open position. In other embodiments, however, the inserts and

1 indentions may be positioned in the arms so as to contact the leverage bumps when a  
2 given clip is opened. FIG. 9 also illustrates that clip 10 is one example of a clip that has  
3 an open position that includes two substantially parallel sides connected by an arch. In  
4 contrast, the following patents and application disclose only clips that lack an open  
5 position that includes two substantially parallel sides connected by an arch: U.S. Patents  
6 D321,209; D321,210; D372,498; D485,780; 1,139,627; 1,150,073; 4,332,060; 4,402,530;  
7 4,532,680; 4,761,862; 5,249,336; 5,533,236; 5,896,624; 6,327,749; and U.S. Patent  
8 Application Serial No. 10/060,942 filed January 30, 2002 in the name of Chip Thomson.

9 One advantage of the present leverage bumps is that they may isolate the wear on  
10 the present clips that results from repeated opening of the clips, provided the leverage  
11 bumps are sized and positioned so that the contact between the arms of the present  
12 devices and the clips of the present devices occurs at the leverage bumps. In this way,  
13 the leverage bumps can be thought of as the isolation points for the inevitable wear on the  
14 clips of the present devices.

15 FIG. 10 is a top view of device 100, and shows that device 100 may include a  
16 wallet 36 that is effectively held by clip 10, and more specifically holding portion HP of  
17 clip 10. Holding portion HP of clip 10, shown in FIGS. 5 and 10, may include at least  
18 arm-retaining portions 18 of ends 14. Wallet 36 may have a back end positioned against  
19 the inside of clip 10 such that the rear portion of wallet 36 may be described as being  
20 received in receiving portion RP of clip 10 (see FIGS. 5 and 10). FIG. 5 shows that  
21 receiving portion RP of clip 10, or spring 10, may include an arch A. A suitable diameter  
22 for one embodiment of that arch is 0.5 inches. Furthermore, clip 10, or spring 10, may be

1 referred to in this document (including the claims) as having an arcuate shaped portion  
2 (such as arch A) at one end of the clip, and two arm-retaining portions 18.

3 The clips, or springs, 10 shown in FIGS. 1-16, all have the same configuration.  
4 Thus, the details of clips 10 – such as the leverage bumps, the receiving and holding  
5 portions, the arm-retaining portions, etc. – are not labeled in FIGS. 12 and 14. The arms  
6 shown in FIGS. 11-13, in FIGS. 14-16 and in FIGS. 58-62 are shaped differently  
7 (although they include the same features) from the arms shown in FIGS. 1-10.  
8 Accordingly, these alternative arms have been given new element numbers in FIGS. 11-  
9 16 and 58-62. The last digit of these new element numbers remains the same of the last  
10 digit of the corresponding element number from the arms in FIGS. 1-10, except the first  
11 digit has been increased by 30 in FIGS. 11-13, by 60 in FIGS. 14-16, and by 90 in FIGS.  
12 58-62. Although the hinge segments of the arms of device 600 shown in FIGS. 58-62  
13 exist, they are not visible in those figures. The arms 110 in FIGS. 58-62 may be  
14 described as having a length (the length running from edge 119 to the forwardmost end of  
15 the arm (*i.e.*, the portion of the arm farthest from the clip when device 600 is in an empty  
16 closed position)) and being bowed along the length.

17 Arms 50 of device 200 depicted in FIGS. 11 and 12 include indentions 62 and  
18 inserts 64. Arms 50 of device 200 also each include two hinge elements 52 separated by  
19 two slots 54 and a middle segment 56. As shown in FIG. 13, each hinge element 52  
20 includes an elongated segment 55 and a hinge segment 57. The hinge segment 57 of a  
21 given arm 50 are designed to fit at least partially within the arm-retaining portion 18 (or  
22 at least partially within the open ends of the arm-retaining portion 18) of an end 14 of clip  
23 10. Furthermore, as with hinge elements 22 and middle segments 26 of arms 20, the

1 hinge elements 52 of each arm 50 are longer than the middle segment 56 of each arm.  
2 This is illustrated in FIG. 13 by hinge element 52 having a linked 52L that is greater than  
3 the length 56L of middle segment 56.

4 The arm-retaining portions, or hinges, of the present clips 10 and the arms (e.g.,  
5 the non-wire frame arms) that are, respectively, pivotally coupled to them may be  
6 collectively configured such that those arms snap into position as they (i.e., those arms)  
7 are moved from a bent-back position (see, e.g., FIG. 8) to a closed position (see, e.g.,  
8 FIGS. 1 and 5). Such a configured hinge and non-wire frame arm are shown in FIGS.  
9 57A-57D, which are a series of views showing a hinge 18 and the position during the  
10 process of closing the arms of a cross-sectionally depicted portion of a hinge segment 57  
11 positioned at least partially within that hinge (e.g., within an outer open end of the same).  
12 FIG. 57A shows the position of hinge segment 57 when the arm of which it is a part is in  
13 a bent-back position; FIG. 57B shows the position of hinge segment 57 when the arm of  
14 which it is at a 90-degree angle to the length of the clip; FIG. 57C shows the position of  
15 hinge segment 57 when the arm of which it is a part is just about to snap closed; and FIG.  
16 57D shows the position of hinge segment 57 when the arm of which it is a part has  
17 snapped into the empty closed position.

18 FIGS. 37-42 are inside (side), outside (side), end, top, outside perspective, and  
19 inside perspective views, respectively, of a version of arm 50 that includes an indentation  
20 62 that protrudes outwardly from the outside of arm 50 such that indentation 62 will  
21 contact a leverage bump of a clip having a leverage bump at some point during the  
22 process of opening the clip as far as it will open. No insert is provided in this  
23 embodiment of arm 50.

1 FIGS. 43-48 are inside (side), outside (side), end, top, outside perspective, and  
2 inside perspective views, respectively, of another version of arm 50 that includes an  
3 indentation 62 that protrudes outwardly from the outside of arm 50 such that indentation 62  
4 will contact a leverage bump of a clip having a leverage bump at some point during the  
5 process of opening the clip as far as it will open. The edge of indentation 62—judged from  
6 the outside of arm 50—is closer to the edge of the forwardmost end of the arm than the  
7 same edge of indentation 62 in FIGS. 37-42. No insert is provided in this embodiment of  
8 arm 50.

9 Arms 80 of device 300 depicted in FIGS. 14 and 15 include indentations 92 and  
10 inserts 94. The same indentation and insert are labeled with 92' and 94', respectively, in  
11 FIG. 16, because the sizes of the two features is slightly different in FIG. 16. Arms 80 of  
12 device 300 also each include two hinge elements 82 separated by two slots 84 and a  
13 middle segment 86. As shown in FIG. 16, each hinge element 82 includes an elongated  
14 segment 85 and a hinge segment 87. The hinge segment 87 of a given arm 80 are  
15 designed to fit at least partially within the arm-retaining portion 18 of an end 14 of clip  
16 10. Furthermore, as with hinge elements 22 and middle segments 26 of arms 20, the  
17 hinge elements 82 of each arm 80 are longer than the middle segment 86 of each arm.  
18 This is illustrated in FIG. 16 by hinge element 82 having a length 82L that is greater than  
19 the length 86L of middle segment 86.

20 The clips and arms in certain embodiments of the devices shown in FIGS. 1-16  
21 and 37-48 may be configured such that when force is applied to begin opening the clip of  
22 the device, one or both arms contact the clip at a location that is closer to the hinges of  
23 the clip than to the arch of the retaining portion RP, and the clip will begin to open before

any contact between that arm and the clip at a second location that is closer to the arch than the hinges. An example of such a configuration is illustrated in FIGS. 49-52. FIG. 49 shows that clip 10 of device 100 (unlabeled) may have a main portion 23 that excludes the hinges 18 and the very back end of the tip of the arch. The device is in a bent-back position in this figure. FIG. 50 is an enlarged view of the detail circled in FIG. 49, and shows that contact between arm 50 and clip 10 (and, more specifically, main portion 23 of arm 50) occurs—during the process of applying force to begin opening clip 10—as locations 29, which are closer to the end 19 of the clip that is characterized by hinges 18 than to the end 21 of the clip that is characterized by the arch. (A suitable length spanning ends 19 and 21 for one embodiment of clip 10 is 1.245 inches.) Locations 29 may be positioned on segment 15, or protrusion 15, of clip 10 shown in, for example, FIGS. 53-56. FIG. 51 shows that as someone or something continues to apply that force, clip 10 will begin, and begins, to open before any contact between either arm and main portion 23 of clip 10 occurs at a second location (e.g., leverage bump 16 of clip 10) that is closer to end 21 than end 19. FIG. 52 shows that opening in slightly greater detail.

To the same end of configuring the clip as just discussed, the hinges of the present clips may be configured as shown in the different views of FIGS. 53-56. The edges 13 of the hinges 18 that define the outer open ends of those hinges may be shaped as shown in these figures.

There are many suitable ways of constructing the present devices, and there are many suitable materials that may be used. One material that may be used for the clip or spring of the devices shown in FIGS. 1-16 is carbon steel (e.g., medium carbon steel), or spring steel. The arms of these devices may also be made from such material. To create

1 the clip using spring steel, a flat piece that has the shape of the clip laid flat may be cut  
2 using a die and punch method (e.g., stamped at room temperature). Any leverage bumps  
3 that are used on that clip may then be pressed into the cut clip using, for example, a die.  
4 The hinges of the clip may then be formed such that, in some embodiments, material is  
5 wrapped to form the hinges. Afterwards, the flat piece of spring steel may be bent to the  
6 desired configuration and tempered. The tempering may involve heating the material to  
7 1525 to 1575 degrees F (Fahrenheit) for a suitable period of time; quenching the material  
8 to 350 to 400 degrees F; and tempering the material to 700 to 800 degrees F for a suitable  
9 period of time. This heating and quenching may result in an Rc50 hardness. If the arms  
10 are made from spring steel, they may be cut using a die and punch method (e.g., stamped  
11 at room temperature) from spring steel that has been tempered. Alternatively, the spring  
12 steel need not have been tempered. In either case, any indentations may then be formed  
13 using, for example, a die. Any bow, such as a 1-, 2-, or 3-degree bow, that is given to the  
14 arms may then be formed using, for example, a die; and the heat treatment described  
15 above for the clip may be used on the arms. Sharp edges may be debugged after the  
16 stamping process described above. The debugged material may then be polished using  
17 any suitable polishing agent. Furthermore, electroplating and laser engraving may be  
18 used as desired to create a more attractive products. A brass electroplating may be  
19 applied to the clip and/or the arms, followed by one of a chrome, black nickel and silver  
20 electroplating. If chrome electroplating is used, a titanium electroplating may be applied  
21 over it. In any case, a clear E coating may be applied over whatever electroplating is  
22 carried out. The arms may then be pivotally coupled (e.g., hinged) to the hinges of the  
23 clip, and the resulting product may be packaged for sale.

1           Alternatively, the arms may be constructed from titanium, or any other metal or  
2       alloy that is stiff, not easily plastically-deformed, and that has good wear-resistant  
3       properties. It may also be possible to utilize certain polymers for the arms of the devices  
4       shown, for example, in FIGS. 1-16, provided the polymer possesses these same  
5       properties. Injection molding (using, for example, an extruder at some point in the  
6       process) may be used to create arms from polymers.

7           The remaining figures show other embodiments of the present devices. These  
8       embodiments include, generally, a clip, an outer element in contact with the clip, and  
9       arms pivotally coupled to the outer element. The clips in the remaining figures may also  
10      be described in this document (including the claims) as springs.

11          Referring generally now to FIGS. 17-27C, one embodiment of the present devices  
12       is device 400 shown in these figures. Device 400 includes a clip 410 that has an outer  
13       surface. Device 400 also includes an outer element 420 that contacts the outer surface of  
14       clip 410. Outer element 420 includes two ends 422. Device 410 includes an arm 430  
15       pivotally coupled to each end 422. The arms 430 of device 400 may be provided with an  
16       indention 431 and an insert (not shown), in the same fashion as described above for the  
17       devices shown in FIGS. 1-16. Alternatively, no such indentation may be provided (see  
18       FIG. 27A). The arms 430 of device 400 may be provided with a protrusion 428.  
19       Protrusions 428 are shown in FIGS. 17-27C as being centered across the width of arms  
20       430. Protrusions 428 may be positioned so as to contact outer element 420 when clip 410  
21       is opened.

22          Outer element 420 includes two sides 424, 426 that are hinged together. The  
23       hinging may be achieved by providing side 424 with a male element 495 (e.g., a

1 "tongue") that has a passageway running through it (the passageway is unlabeled and  
2 may be cylindrical in shape); providing side 426 with two outer portions 497 that define  
3 between them a female portion 499 (e.g., a "groove"), the outer portions 497 each having  
4 a passageway running through them (the passageways are unlabeled and may be  
5 cylindrical in shape); and joining the outer portions 497 with the male portion 495 using a  
6 pin 440, as shown schematically in FIG. 25.

7 Sides 424 and 426 each include an outer surface 450 that has a recessed portion  
8 452. Protrusions 428 of arms 430 of device 400 may be positioned so as to contact  
9 recessed portions 452 when clip 410 is opened.

10 Arms 430 are shown in FIGS. 17-27C as being coupled to ends 422 with pins 460  
11 (see, especially, FIG. 25). One manner of achieving this pivotal coupling involves  
12 providing each arm 430 with a coupling portion 462 (shaped, for example, like a portion  
13 of a cylinder) that contacts the pin 460 that couples that arm to an end 422. Similarly, the  
14 end 422 of each side 424 and 426 may be provided with coupling portions 476 that  
15 contact the pin 460 that couples a given arm to that end (see, e.g., FIGS. 23-25).

16 Outer element 420 of device 400 includes an inner surface that includes a  
17 recessed portion, and clip 410 contacts the recessed portion of that inner surface. A  
18 version of this is shown in cross-sectional form in FIG. 22, where each side 424 and 426  
19 includes an inner surface 464 with a recessed portion 466. Inner surfaces 464 of the two  
20 sides of element 420 comprise the inner surface of outer element 420. In addition, the  
21 recessed portions 466 of the two sides of outer element 420 comprise the recessed portion  
22 of the inner surface of outer element 420. Clip 410 is shown in FIG. 22 as being in

1 contact with the recessed portion of the outer element (e.g., recessed portions 466 of the  
2 inner surfaces 464 of sides 424 and 426).

3 FIG. 23 shows that the recessed portion 466 of inner surface 464 of side 426 (and  
4 this is also true of side 424) is bordered by two shoulder portions 468 (see also FIG. 25).

5 Each shoulder portion 468 includes a groove 470 into which a portion of clip 410 fits.

6 Grooves 470 are shown in FIGS. 22, 24, 27B and 27C. The manner in which portions of  
7 clip 410 fit within grooves 470 will be understood from considering FIGS. 25, 27B and  
8 27C.

9 In FIG. 25, clip 410 as shown includes a back portion 485 and two retainer  
10 portions 487. Each retainer portion 487 includes an upper retainer element 483 and a  
11 lower retainer element 484. These two retainer elements are separated by a holding  
12 element 490. Holding element 490 extends farther from back portion 485 than either  
13 retainer element of either retainer portion. The upper and lower retaining elements 483  
14 and 484, respectively, fit within grooves 470 as shown in FIGS. 27B and 27C. Holding  
15 elements 490 are slightly curved at their ends, as shown in FIG. 25. Holding elements  
16 490 do not fit within and extend past grooves 470. The operation of holding elements  
17 490 will be discussed more below.

18 FIG. 27A shows that a wallet 480 holding cards and around which paper has been  
19 folded may be placed within device 400. Device 400 may be said to include wallet 480.  
20 Wallet 480 may be sized, or configured, to be held by clip 410. The portions of clip 410  
21 that will perform most, if not all, of the "holding" function are the portions of shoulder  
22 portions 468 that form grooves 470. The surface of those portions may be rounded and

1       smooth, as shown in the figures, so as not to damage the wallet or any paper wrapped  
2       around the wallet.

3             Holding elements 490 may provide some or none of the "holding" function.  
4       Holding elements 490 primarily function to prevent unwanted movement of arms 430. In  
5       this regard, coupling portions 462 of arms 430 may be provided with one or more cam  
6       bumps 489 (see FIGS. 25 and 27C). FIGS. 28A-28O are a series of views that show how  
7       holding elements 490 operates in the embodiment shown to keep pressure on arms 430,  
8       in part, through contact with cam bumps 489. These figures (along with FIGS. 27B and  
9       27C) also show that the coupling portion of the arms of may be "closed," instead of half-  
10      open, as shown, for example, in FIG. 25.

11             FIGS. 29-36 show another of the present devices that includes a clip, an outer  
12      element in contact with the clip, and arms pivotally coupled to the outer element. There  
13      are a number of similarities between the devices shown in FIGS. 29-36 and the devices  
14      shown in FIGS. 17-28O. Accordingly, elements of the devices in FIGS. 29-36 that are  
15      similar to certain elements of the devices in FIGS. 17-28O have been given similar  
16      element numbers, except that the element numbers have been increased by 100.  
17      Likewise, the only difference between the device depicted in FIGS. 29-35 and the device  
18      depicted in FIG. 36 are certain details of the arms and sides of those devices. As a result,  
19      where the sides and arms of the device depicted in FIGS. 29-35 have been labeled 526,  
20      524, and 530, respectively, those same elements have been labeled 526', 524', and 530'  
21      for the device depicted in FIG. 36. The shape of the coupling portions 562 of arms 530  
22      of FIG. 500 shown in FIGS. 29-35 are also slightly different in shape than those same

1 features in device 500' in FIG. 36. Accordingly, the coupling portion of arms 530' have  
2 been labeled with element number 562'.

3 Unlike the device shown in FIGS. 17-28O, device 500 in FIGS. 29-35 includes  
4 leverage bumps on at least one side of outer element 520. More specifically, outer  
5 element 520 of device 500 includes leverage bumps 501 on both sides 526 and 524. At  
6 least one arm 530 of device 500 includes a leverage bump 502. More specifically, both  
7 arms 530 of device 500 include leverage bumps 502. Each leverage bump 502 contacts  
8 outer element 520 when clip 510 is open. More specifically, each leverage bump 502 is  
9 configured to contact leverage bump 501 of the corresponding side of outer element 520  
10 when clip 510 is opened. This contact is shown in FIG. 35 just prior to clip 510 being  
11 opened.

12 Sides 526 and 524 of device 500, and sides 526' and 524' of device 500', each  
13 have two elongated elements 505 that define between them an arm recess. This arm  
14 recess is labeled as 509 in FIGS. 29-35 and as element 509' in FIG. 36. The difference  
15 between the two arm recesses is the shape near the coupling portions 562 and 562' of the  
16 two devices.

17 Arms 530 and 530' of devices 500 and 500' may be provided with female notches  
18 503 as shown in FIG. 36. Outer elements 505 of devices 500 and 500' may be provided  
19 with corresponding male notches 507 as shown in FIG. 36. If appropriately configured,  
20 the corresponding notches may better serve to keep arms 530 and 530', respectively,  
21 from bending more inwardly than elongated elements 505 when the devices are in the  
22 closed position.

1       The elements of the devices shown in FIGS. 17-36 may be made in a variety of  
2       ways. One way of making the clips of these devices is discussed above (i.e., using spring  
3       steel that is cut, bent, and then tempered). The outer elements and arms of the devices in  
4       these figures need not be as rigid as the arms of the devices in FIGS. 1-16 preferably are.  
5       For example, the outer elements (e.g., the sides of the outer elements) of the devices in  
6       FIGS. 17-36 may be made from cast aluminum, silver (e.g., sterling silver), gold  
7       (provided the carat value is not too high), magnesium, steel, titanium, or a hard polymer.  
8       The arms and out elements may be cast or injection molded using either a metal (or alloy)  
9       or a polymer.

10       All of the devices disclosed and claimed can be made and used without undue  
11       experimentation in light of the present disclosure. While the present devices have been  
12       described in terms of certain embodiments, it will be apparent to those of skill in the art  
13       that variations may be applied to these devices without departing from the scope of the  
14       present invention as defined by the following claims. For example, the arms of the  
15       present devices may be any suitable shape, including hexagonal, or octagonal, as may any  
16       indentions and inserts.

17       The claims are not to be interpreted as including means-plus- or step-plus-  
18       function limitations, unless such a limitation is explicitly recited in a given claim using  
19       the phrase(s) "means for" or "step for," respectively.

1        **WE CLAIM:**

2        1.      A device comprising:

3                  a clip having two ends and a leverage bump; and

4                  an arm pivotally coupled to each end;

5                  where one of the arms contacts the leverage bump when the clip is opened.

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7        2.      The device of claim 1, where the leverage bump includes two outer portions and a  
8                  middle portion, and the two outer portions protrude more outwardly from the clip than  
9                  the middle portion.

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11      3.      The device of claim 1, where the clip has two leverage bumps, and each arm  
12                  contacts a leverage bump when the clip is opened.

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14      4.      The device of claim 3, where each leverage bump includes two outer portions and  
15                  a middle portion, and the two outer portions of each leverage bump protrude more  
16                  outwardly from the clip than the middle portion.

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18      5.      The device of claim 1, where each arm includes two hinge elements separated by  
19                  two slots and a middle segment, and each hinge element has an elongated segment and a  
20                  hinge segment.

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22      6.      The device of claim 5, where each end of the clip includes an arm-retaining  
23                  portion, and the hinge segments of a given arm fit at least partially within the arm-  
24                  retaining portion of an end of the clip.

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2     7. The device of claim 5, where the hinge elements of each arm are longer than the  
3     middle segment of that arm.

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5     8. The device of claim 5, where an edge of the middle segment of each arm is  
6     positioned near the arm-retaining portion of an end of the clip.

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8     9. The device of claim 1, where each arm has a widest portion and the clip has a  
9     widest portion, and the widest portions of the arms and the clip have substantially the  
10    same width.

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12    10. The device of claim 9, where the widest portion of each arm is positioned near the  
13    widest portion of the clip.

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15    11. The device of claim 1, where each arm includes an indentation.

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17    12. The device of claim 11, where each arm includes an insert in the indentation.

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19    13. The device of claim 1, further comprising:  
20        a wallet configured to be held by the clip.

21  
22    14. A device comprising:  
23        a clip having a receiving portion and a holding portion, the receiving portion  
24        including an arch, and the holding portion including two ends; and

1           an arm pivotally coupled to each end.

2

3       15. The device of claim 14, where the clip has two leverage bumps, and each arm  
4           contacts a leverage bump when the clip is opened.

5

6       16. The device of claim 14, where each arm includes two hinge elements separated by  
7           two slots and a middle segment, and each hinge element has an elongated segment and a  
8           hinge segment.

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10      17. The device of claim 16, where each end of the clip includes an arm-retaining  
11           portion, and the hinge segments of a given arm fit at least partially within the arm-  
12           retaining portion of an end of the clip.

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14      18. The device of claim 14, where each arm has a widest portion and the clip has a  
15           widest portion, and the widest portions of the arms and the clip have substantially the  
16           same width.

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18      19. The device of claim 18, where the widest portion of each arm is positioned near  
19           the widest portion of the clip.

20

21      20. The device of claim 14, further comprising:  
22           a wallet configured to be held by the clip.

23

1        21. A device comprising:

2              a clip having two hinges positioned beside each other, each hinge having two  
3              outer open ends; and

4              an arm pivotally coupled to each hinge, each arm including two hinge segments  
5              that are positioned at least partially within the two outer open ends of each  
6              hinge, one of the hinge segments having a non-circular cross-sectional  
7              profile;

8              the device being sized to hold one or more of paper, cards and a wallet.

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10        22. The device of claim 21, the clip having a leverage bump positioned such that one  
11        of the arms contacts the leverage bump when the clip is opened.

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13        23. The device of claim 22, each arm having an elongated segment extending from  
14        the hinge segment of that arm; and, when the clip is opened, an elongated segment of a  
15        given arm contacts the clip before the given arm contacts the leverage bump.

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17        24. The device of claim 22, the clip having two leverage bumps, and each arm  
18        contacts a leverage bump when the clip is opened.

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20        25. The device of claim 23, the elongated segments of a given arm being separated by  
21        two slots and a middle segment.

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1       26. The device of claim 25, each arm having a hinge element that includes one of the  
2       elongated segments and one of the hinge segments, the hinge element of a given arm  
3       being longer than the middle segment of the given arm.

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5       27. The device of claim 25, an edge of the middle segment of each arm being  
6       positioned near a hinge of the clip.

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8       28. The device of claim 22, each arm having a widest portion and the clip having a  
9       widest portion, the widest portions of the arms and the clip having substantially the same  
10      width.

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12      29. The device of claim 28, the widest portion of each arm being positioned near the  
13      widest portion of the clip.

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15      30. The device of claim 22, each arm including an indentation.

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17      31. The device of claim 30, the indentation of one of the arms protruding outwardly so  
18      as to be closer to the leverage bump of the clip than any other portion of that arm when  
19      that arm is bent back and in contact with the leverage bump.

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21      32. The device of claim 21, further comprising:  
22            a wallet configured to be held by the clip.

1       33. A device comprising:

2              a clip that is not substantially triangular in shape when in an empty closed  
3              position, the clip having two ends; and  
4              an arm pivotally coupled to each end;  
5              the device being sized to hold one or more of paper, cards and a wallet.

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7       34. The device of claim 33, each end having a hinge to which an arm is pivotally  
8       coupled.

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10      35. The device of claim 34, each arm including two hinge segments that are  
11      positioned at least partially within the hinge to which that arm is pivotally coupled, one of  
12      the hinge segments having a non-circular cross-sectional profile.

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14      36. The device of claim 35, the clip having a leverage bump positioned such that one  
15      of the arms contacts the leverage bump when the clip is opened.

16

17      37. The device of claim 36, each arm having an elongated segment extending from  
18      the hinge segment of that arm; and, when the clip is opened, an elongated segment of a  
19      given arm contacts the clip before the given arm contacts the leverage bump.

20

21      38. The device of claim 36, the clip having two leverage bumps, and each arm  
22      contacts a leverage bump when the clip is opened.

23

1       39. The device of claim 37, the elongated segments of a given arm being separated by  
2       two slots and a middle segment.

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4       40. The device of claim 39, each arm having a hinge element that includes one of the  
5       elongated segments and one of the hinge segments, the hinge element of a given arm  
6       being longer than the middle segment of the given arm.

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8       41. The device of claim 39, an edge of the middle segment of each arm being  
9       positioned near a hinge of the clip.

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11       42. The device of claim 36, each arm having a widest portion and the clip having a  
12       widest portion, the widest portions of the arms and the clip having substantially the same  
13       width.

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15       43. The device of claim 42, the widest portion of each arm being positioned near the  
16       widest portion of the clip.

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18       44. The device of claim 36, each arm including an indentation.

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20       45. The device of claim 44, the indentation of one of the arms protruding outwardly so  
21       as to be closer to the leverage bump of the clip than any other portion of that arm when  
22       that arm is bent back and in contact with the leverage bump.

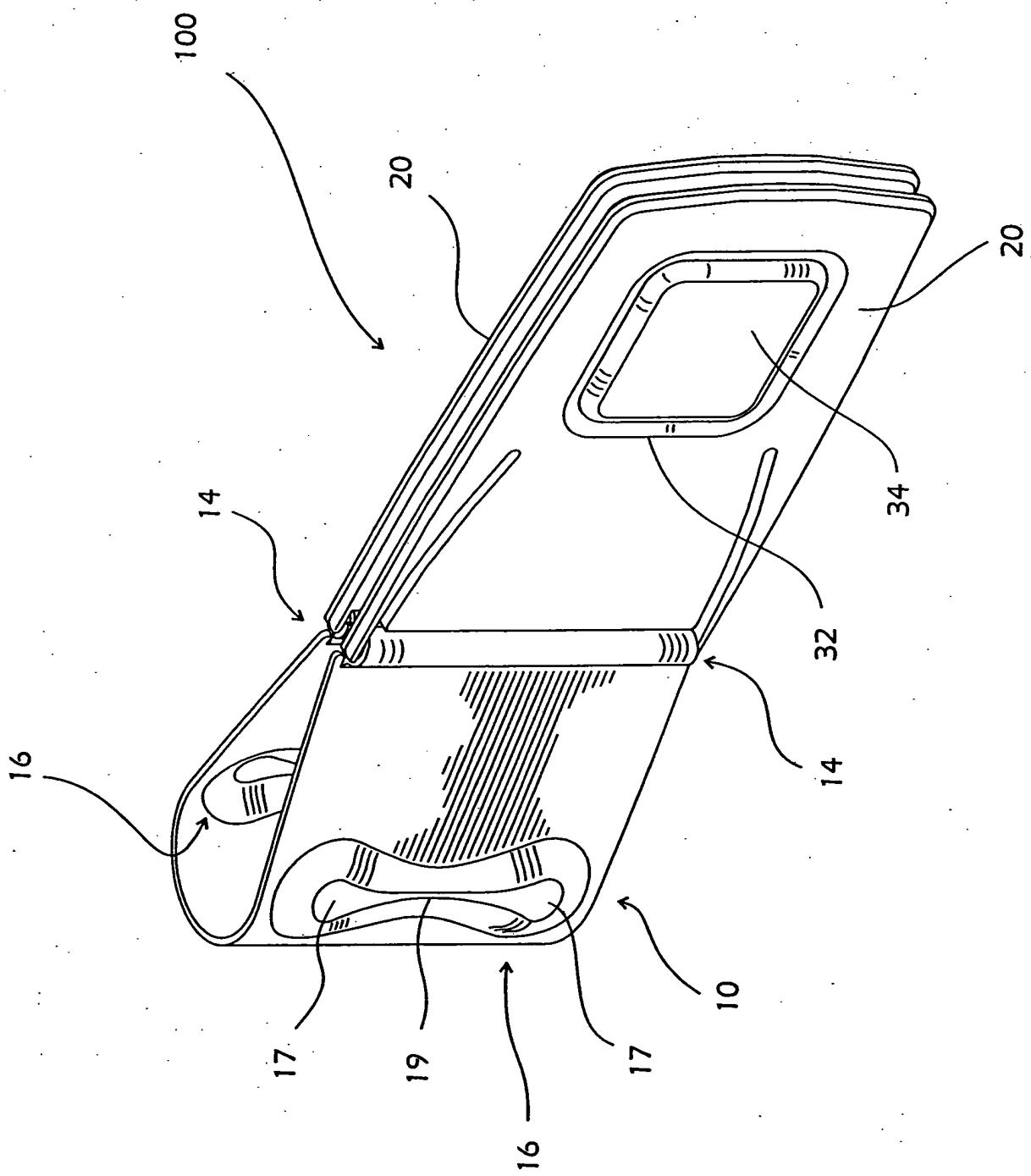
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- 1      46. The device of claim 34, further comprising:  
2            a wallet configured to be held by the clip.  
3  
4      47. The device of claim 33, each arm being a non-wire frame arm.  
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1                           ABSTRACT

2       Devices for holding paper, cards, and/or wallets. One device has a clip with two  
3       ends and a leverage bump; and an arm pivotally coupled to each end. One of the arms  
4       contacts the leverage bump when the clip is opened. Another device includes a clip  
5       having a receiving portion and a holding portion. The receiving portion includes an arch.  
6       The holding portion includes two ends. An arm is pivotally coupled to each end. Other  
7       devices are included.

FIG. 1



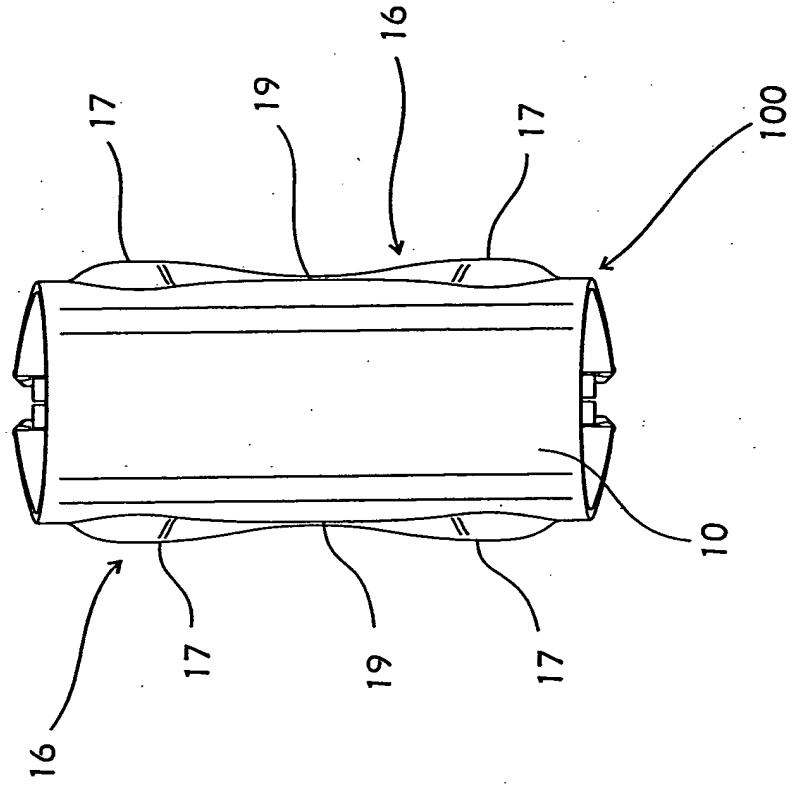


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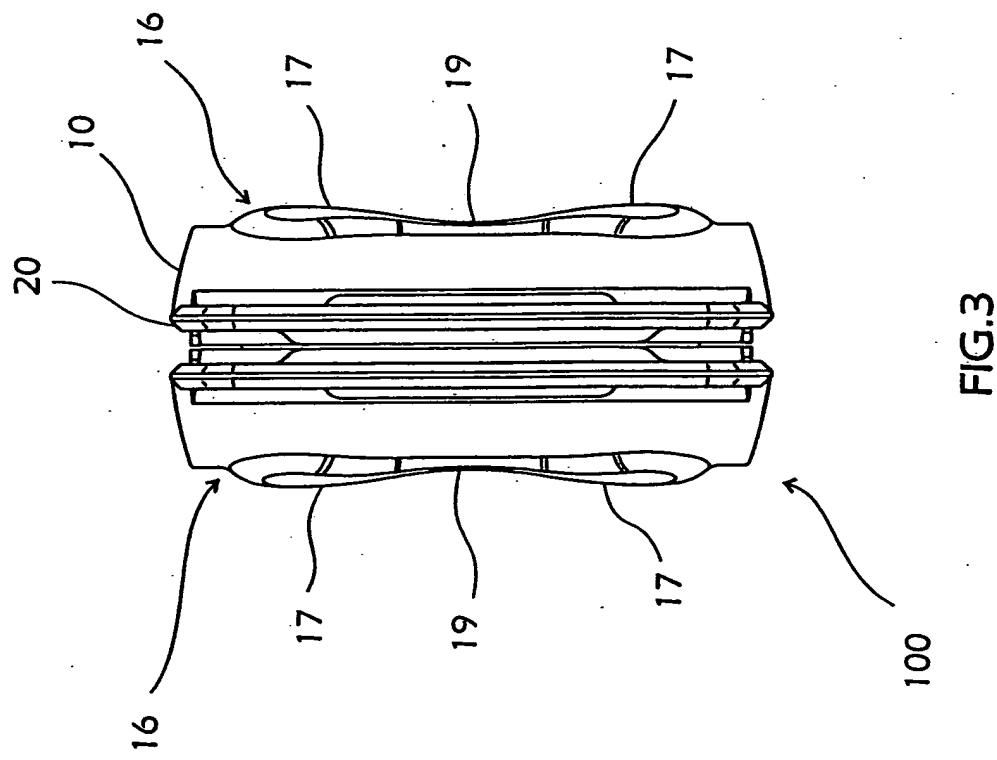


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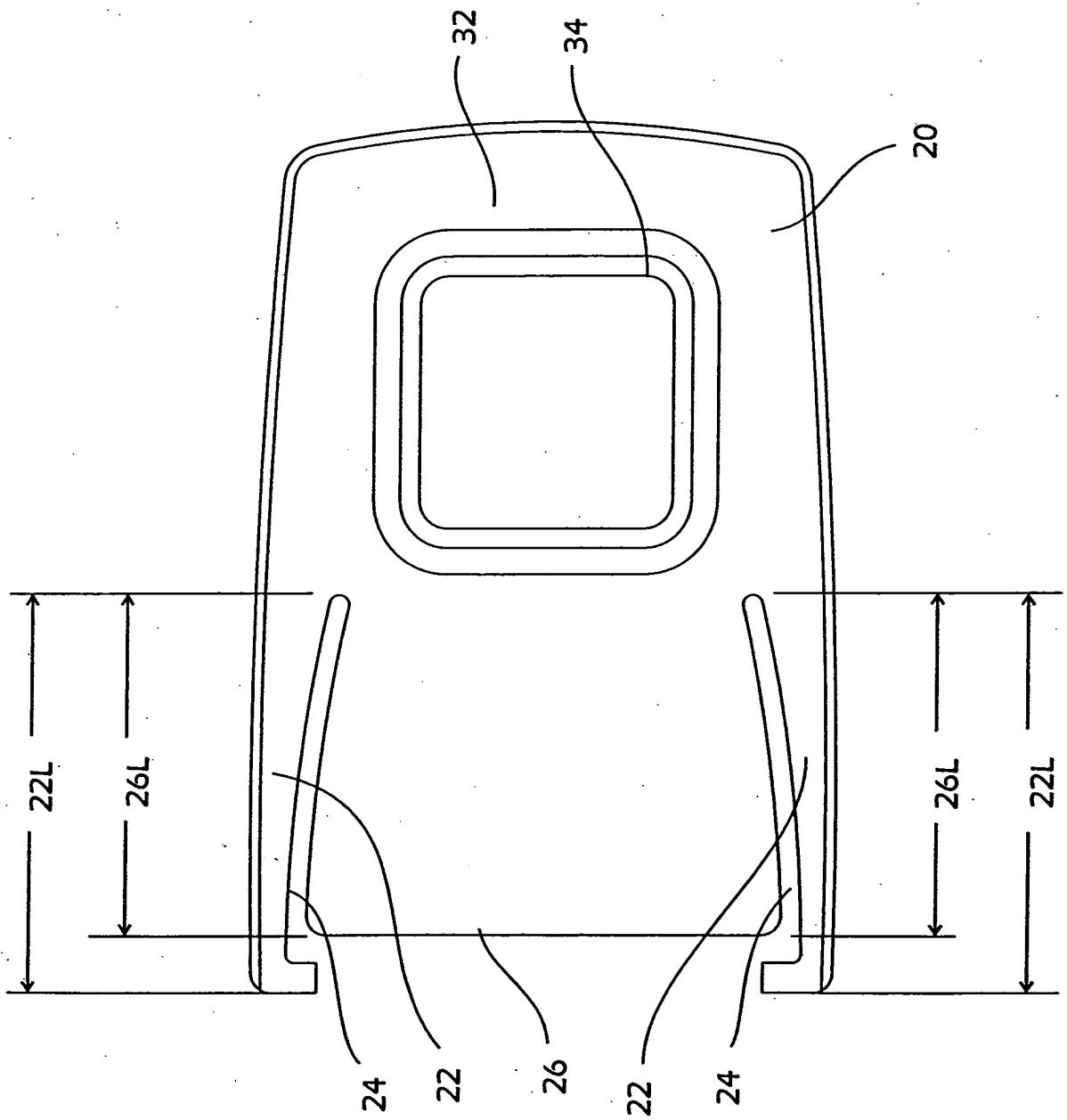


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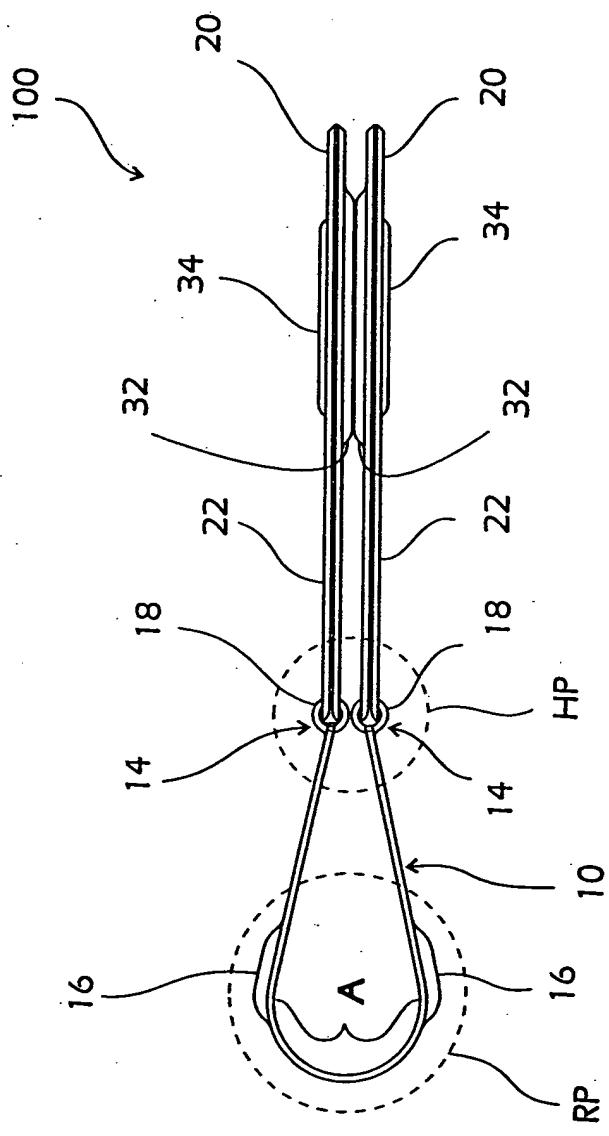


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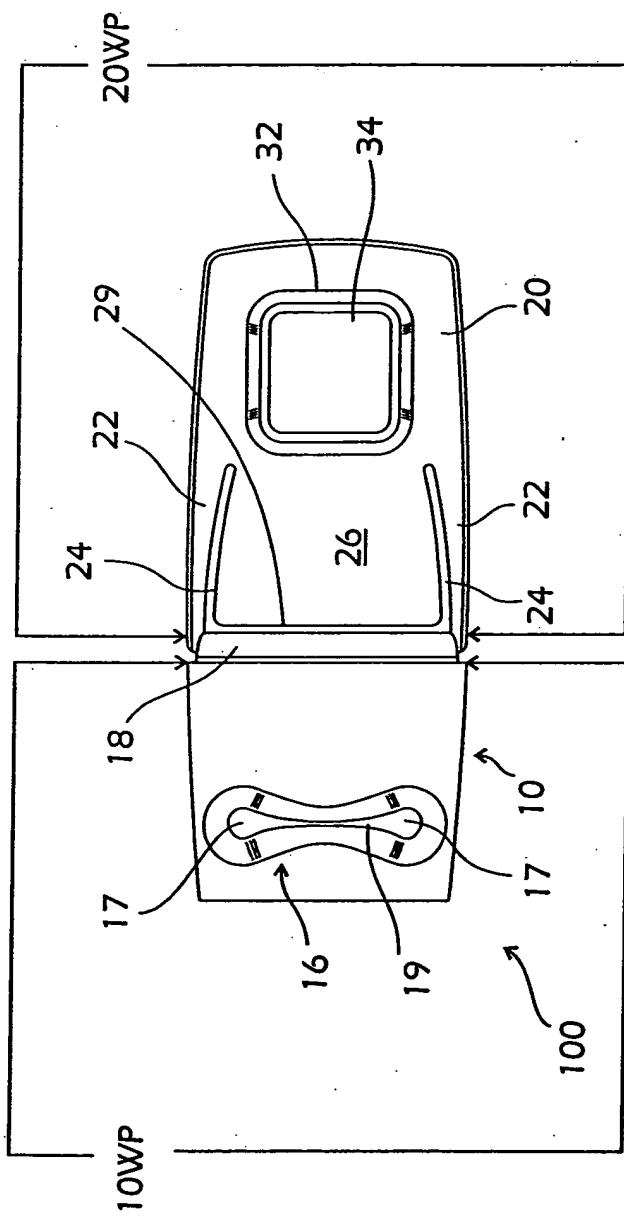
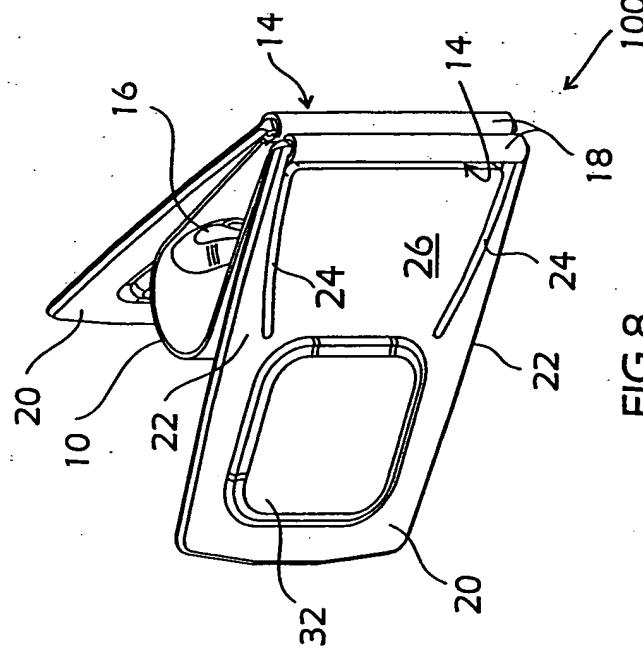
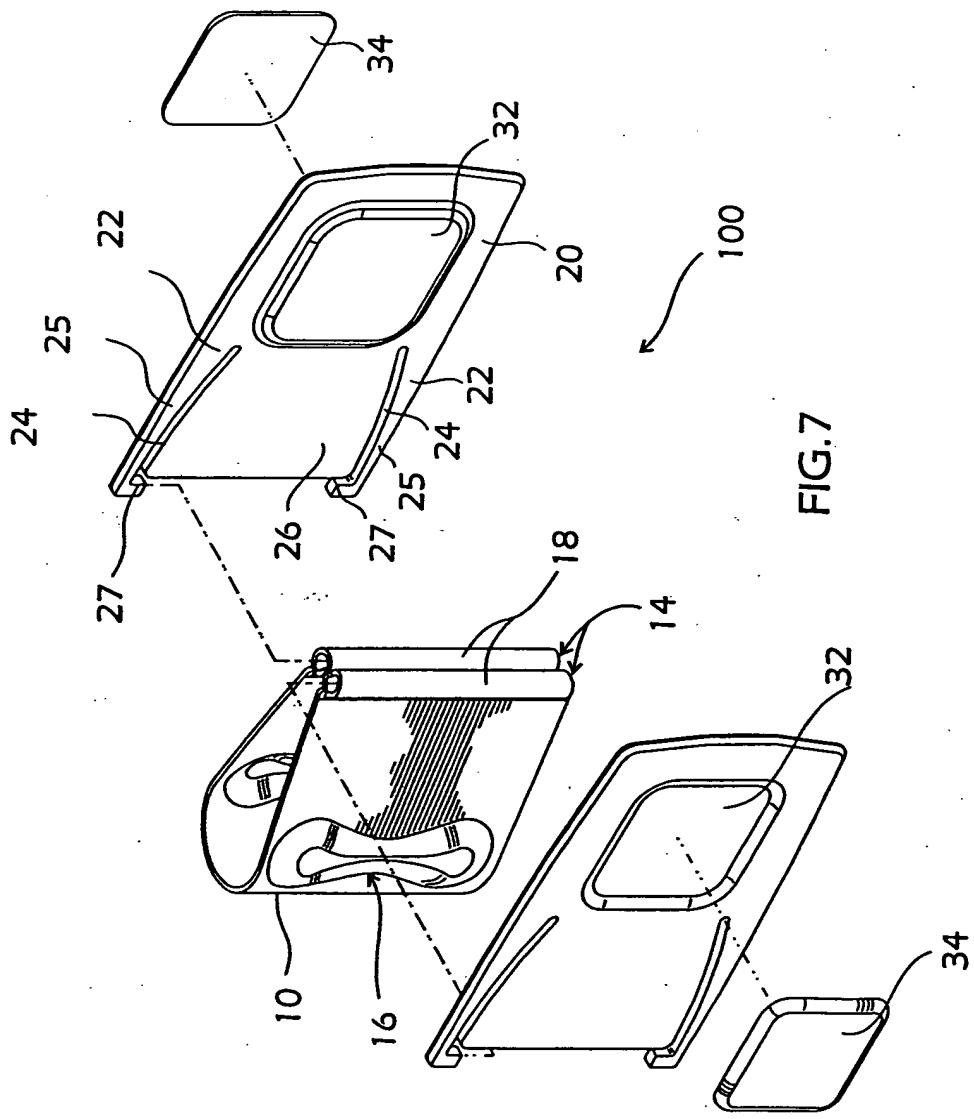


FIG.2

**FIG.8**



**FIG.7**



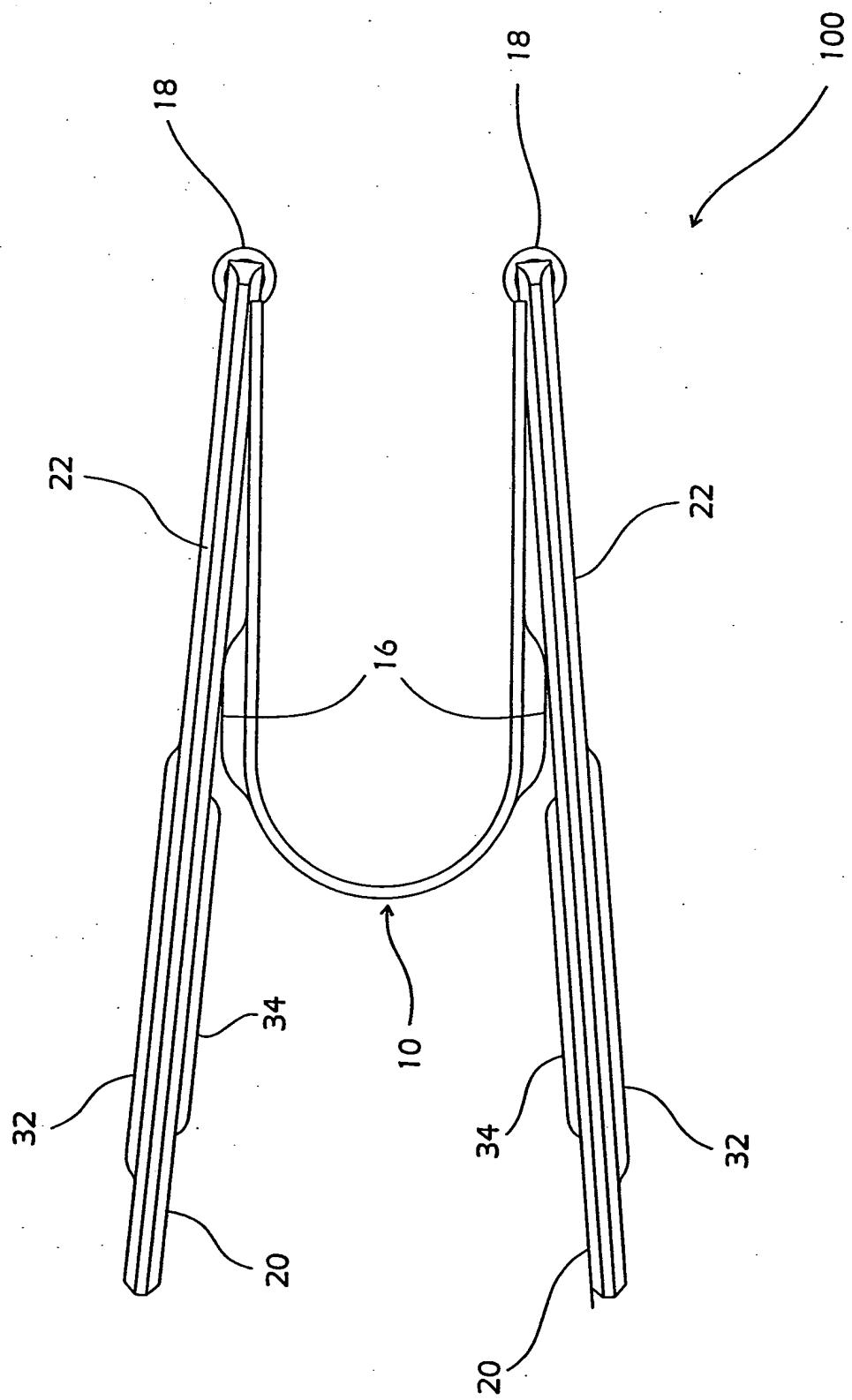
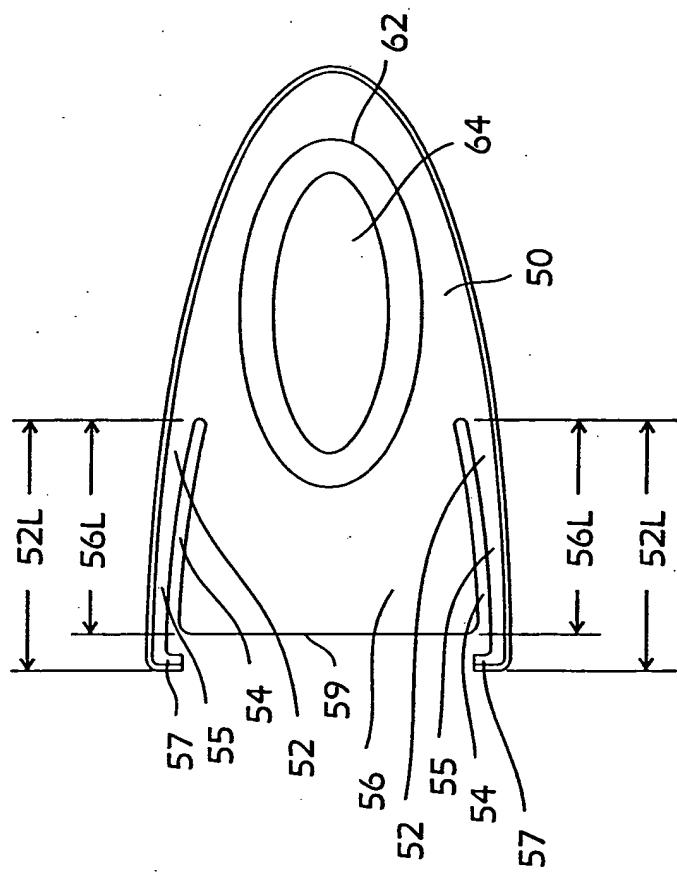
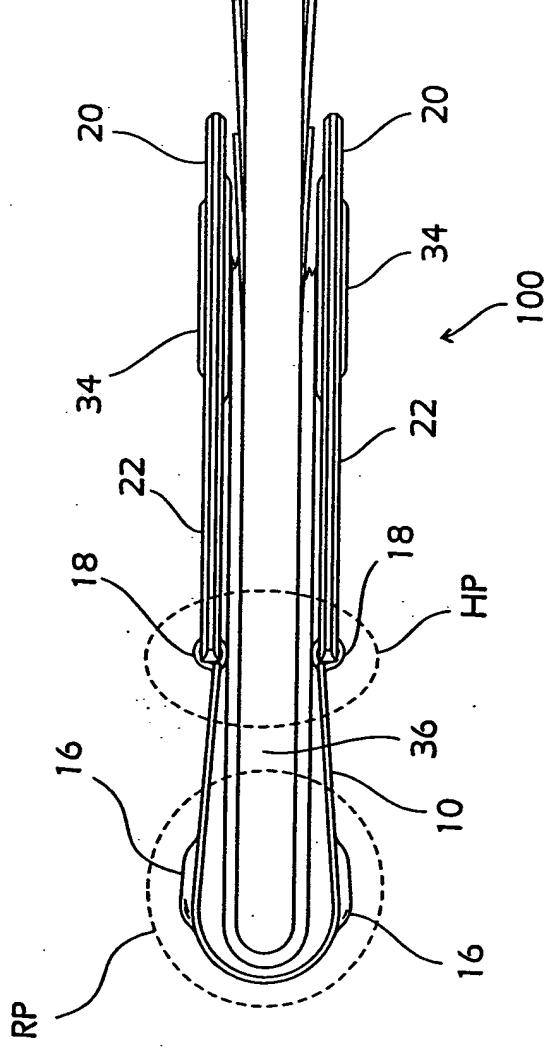


FIG. 9



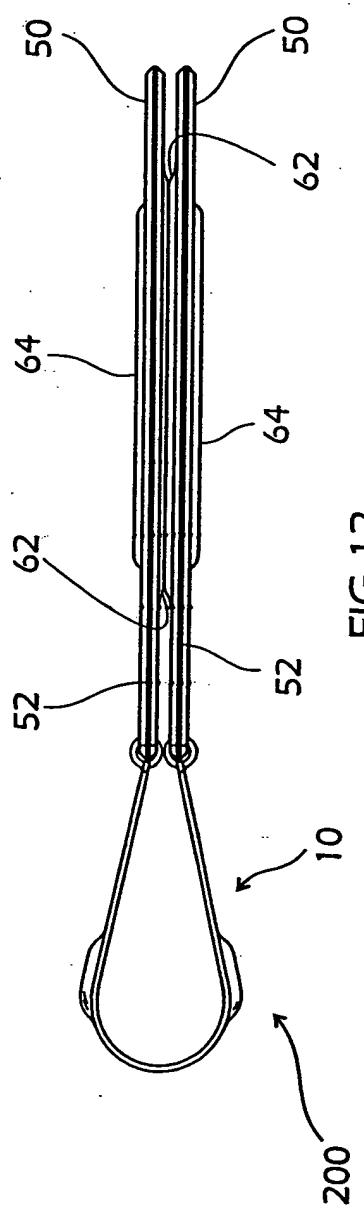


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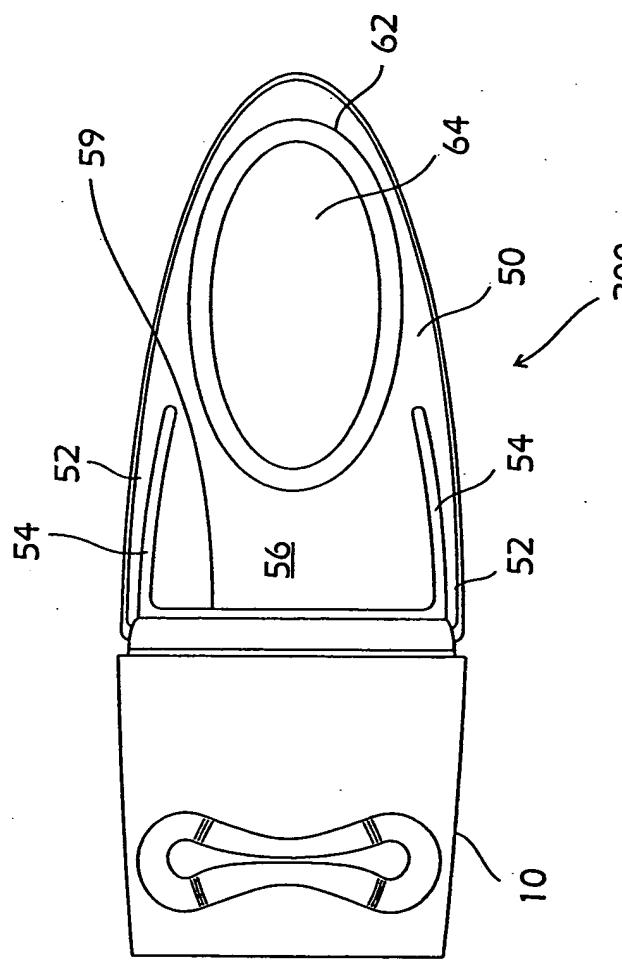


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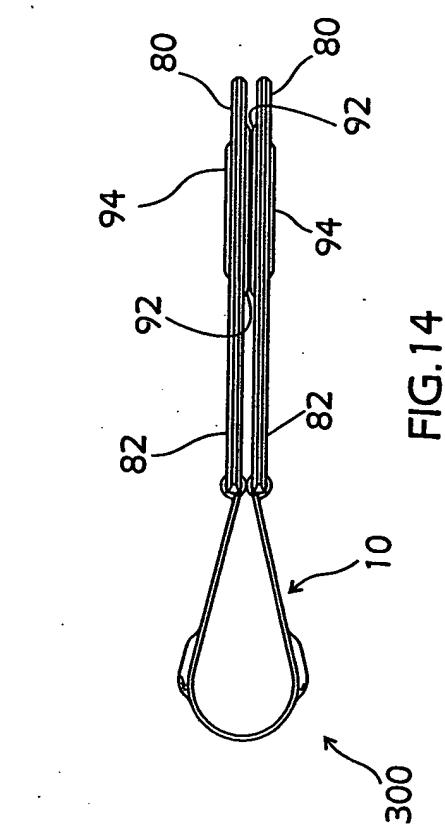


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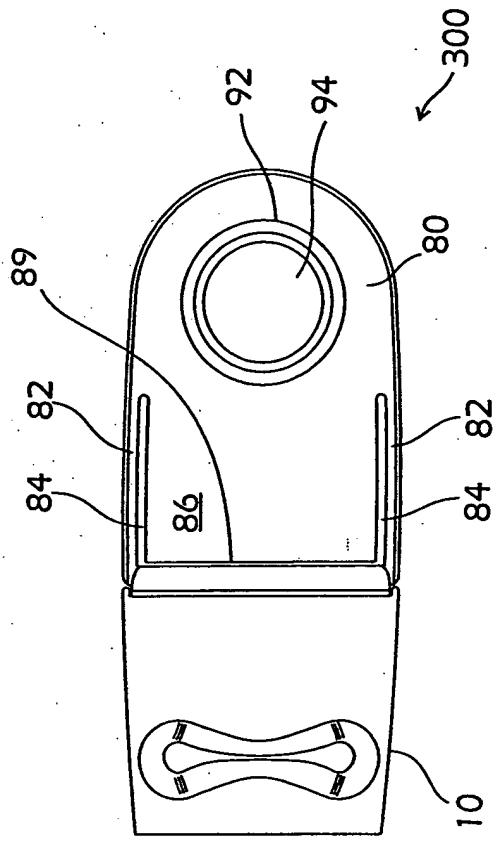


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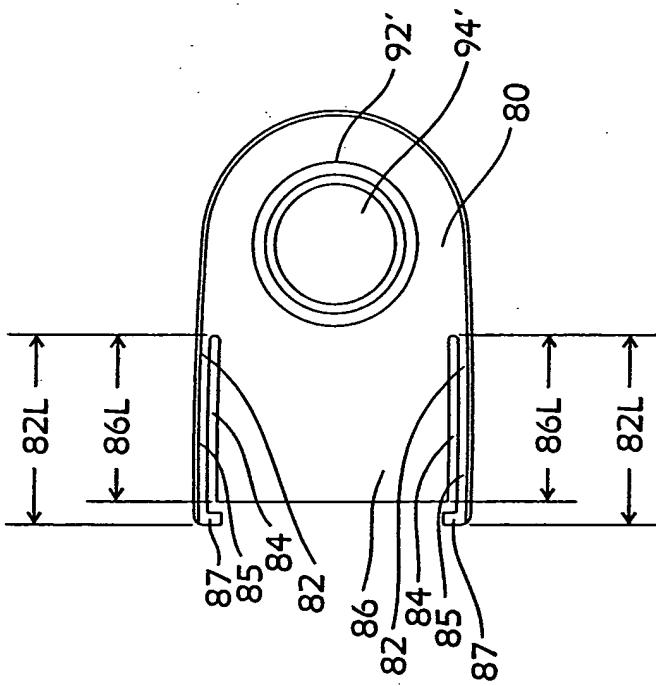


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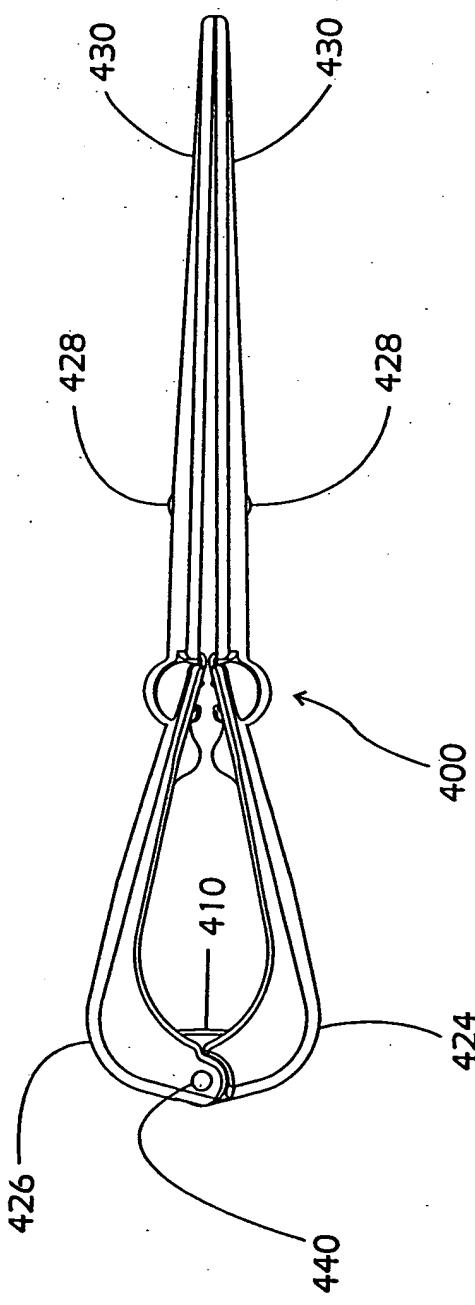


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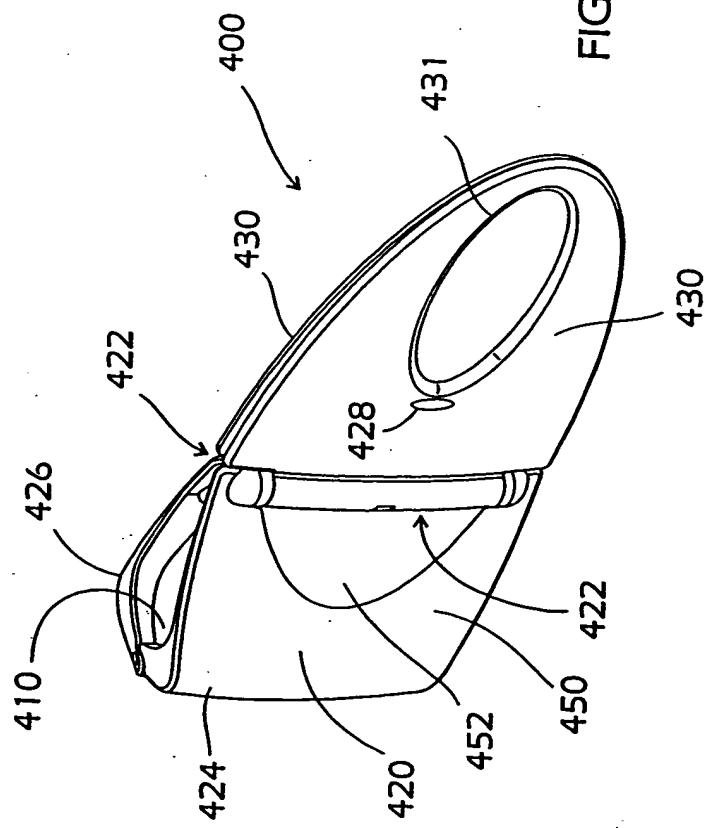


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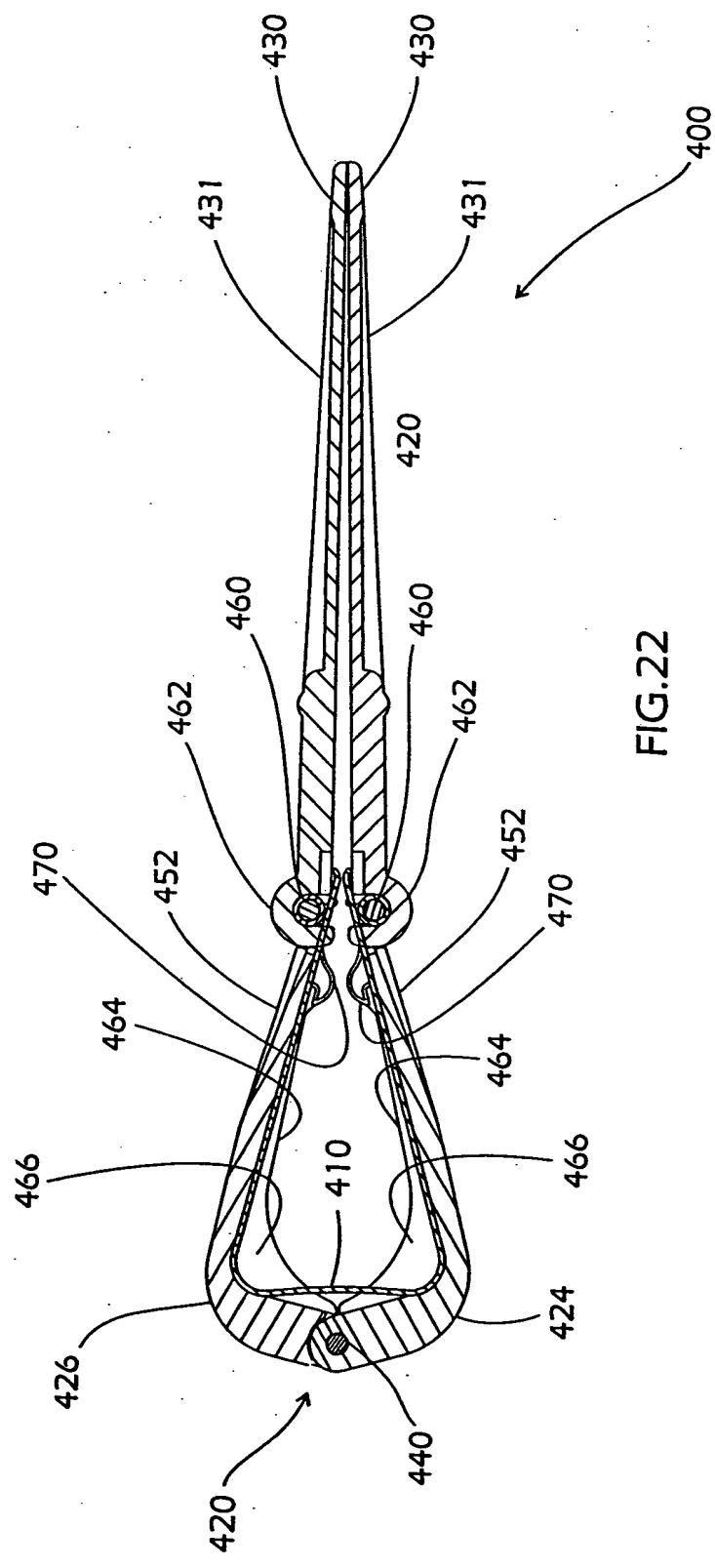
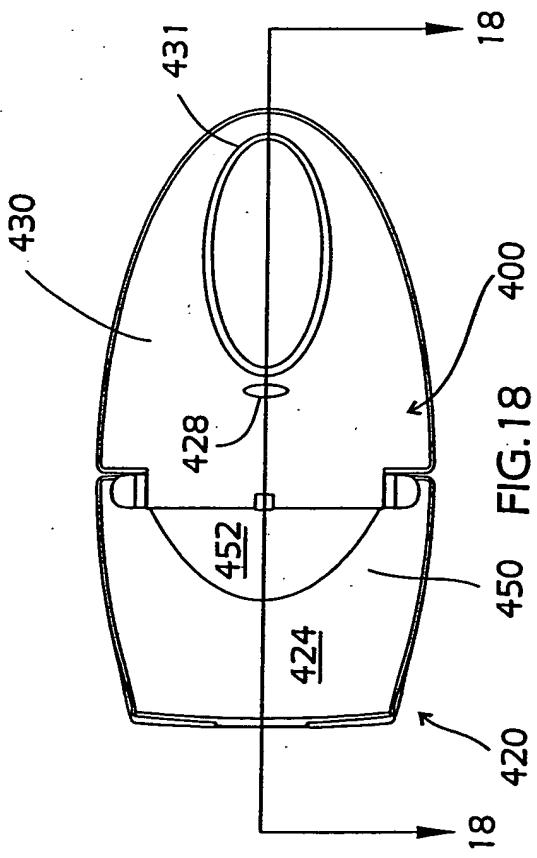


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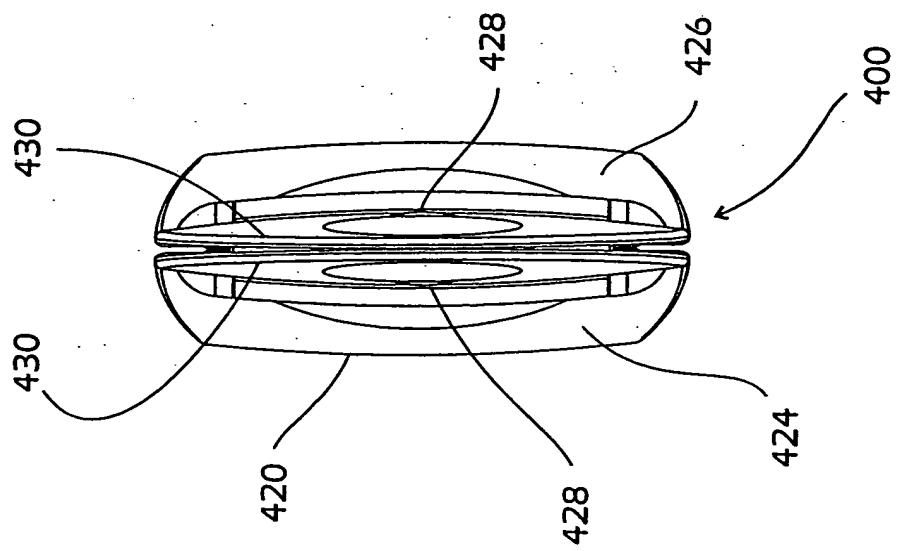


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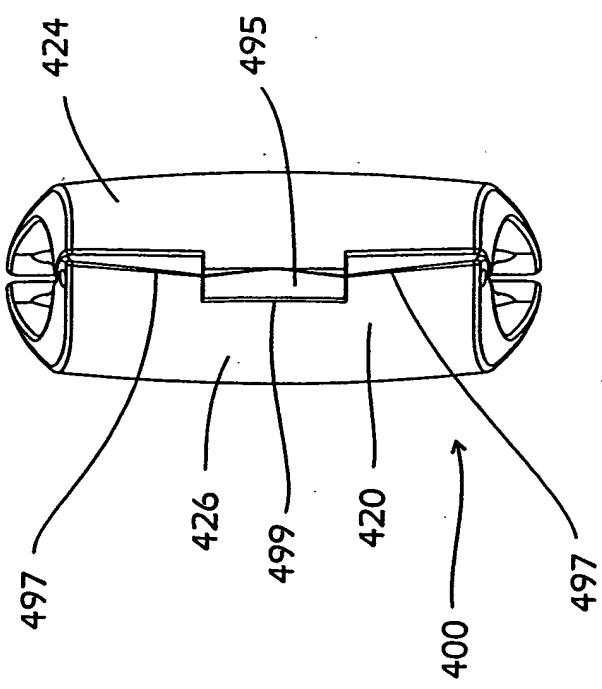
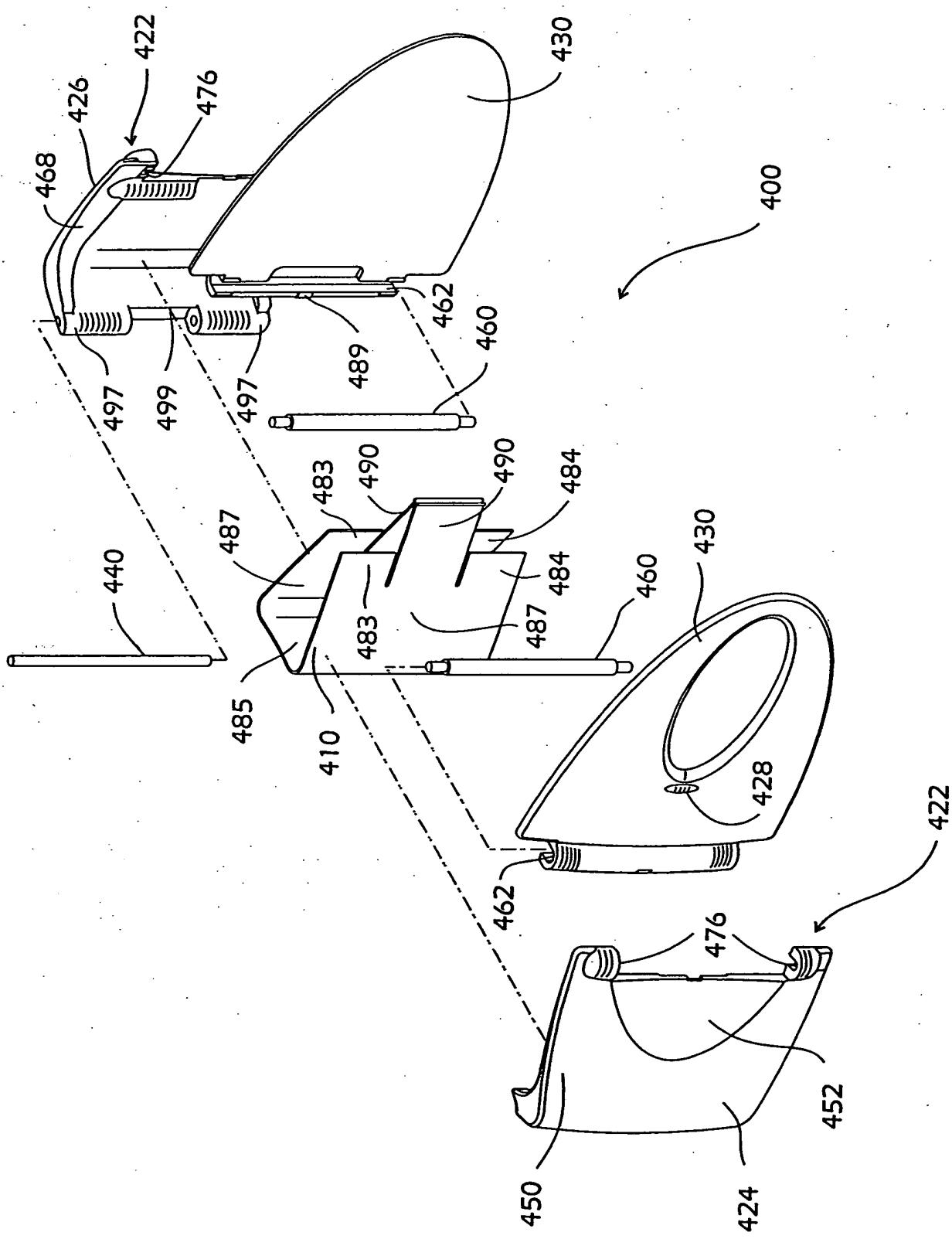


FIG.25



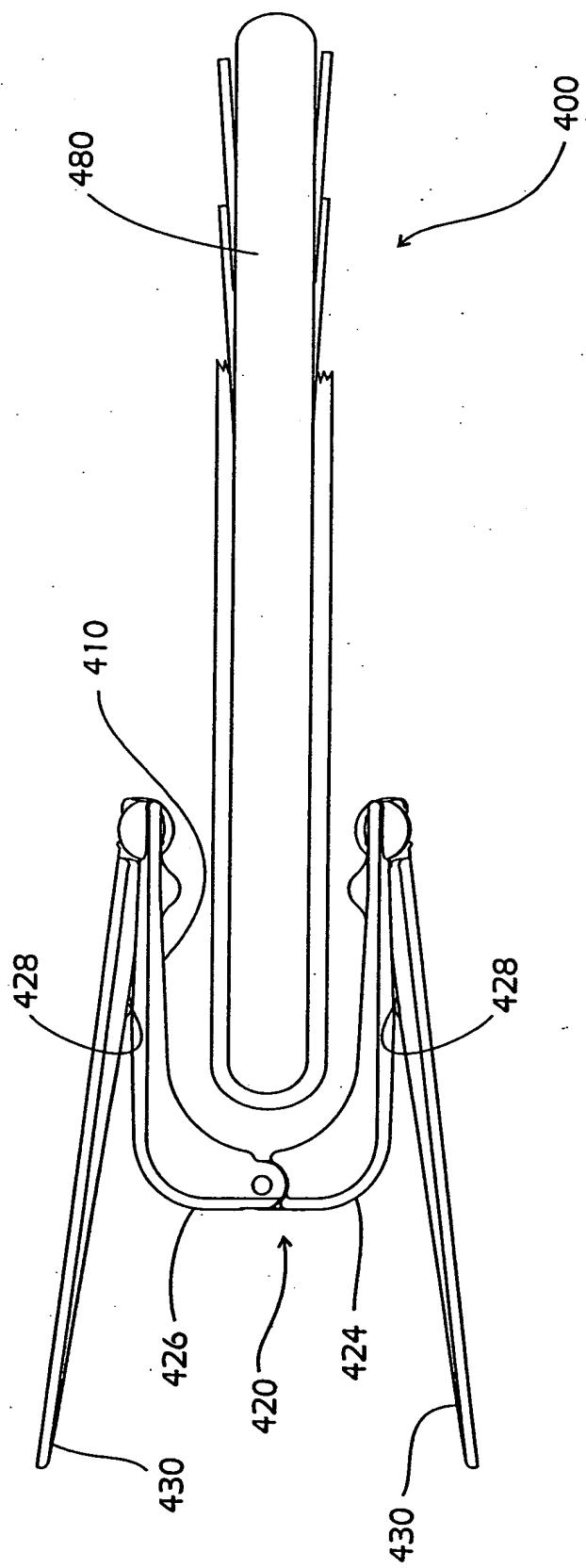


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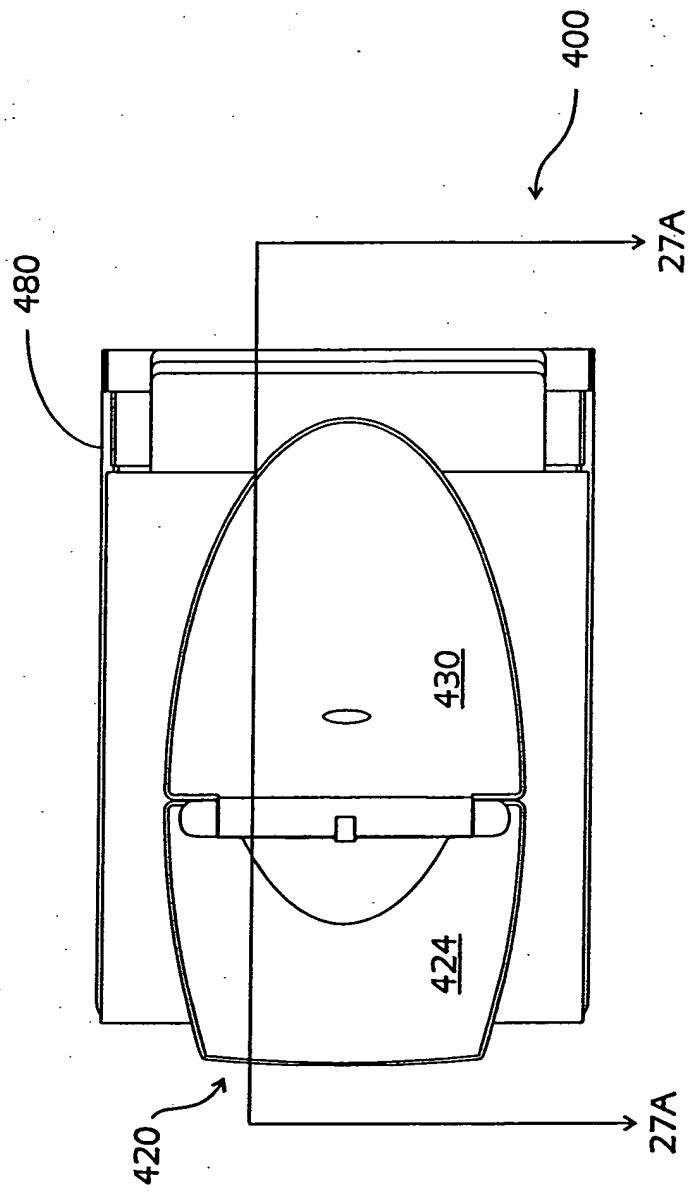


FIG.27A

SEE FIG. 27C

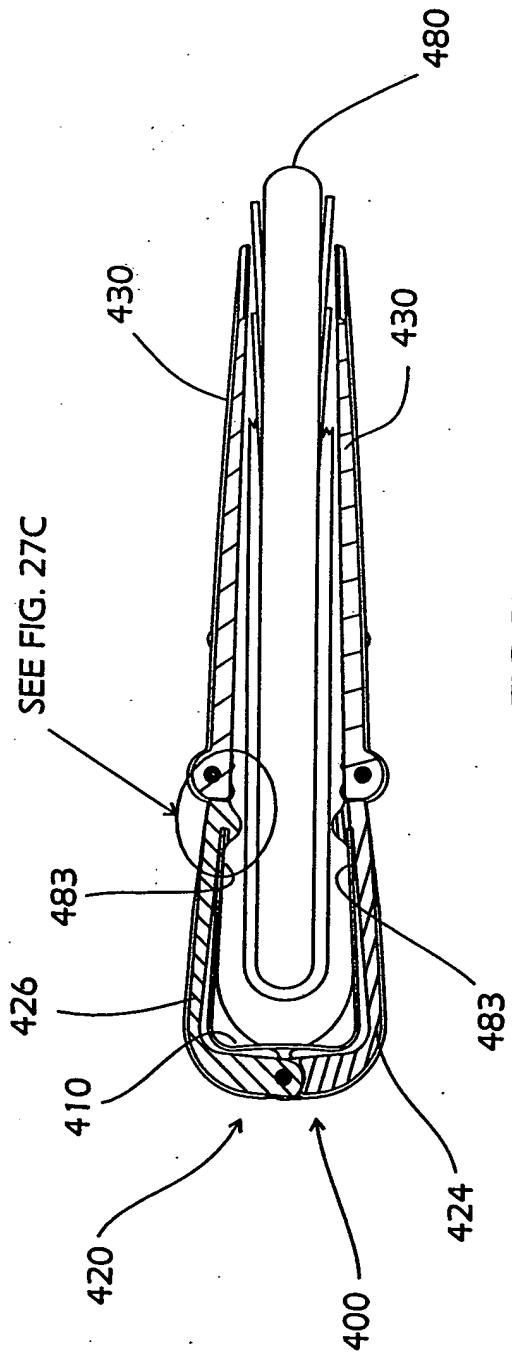


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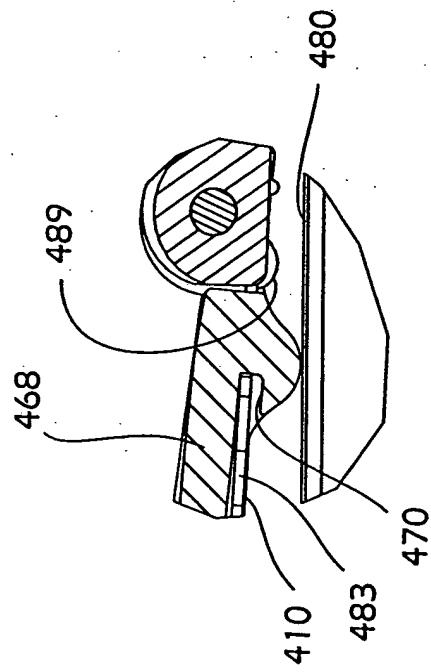


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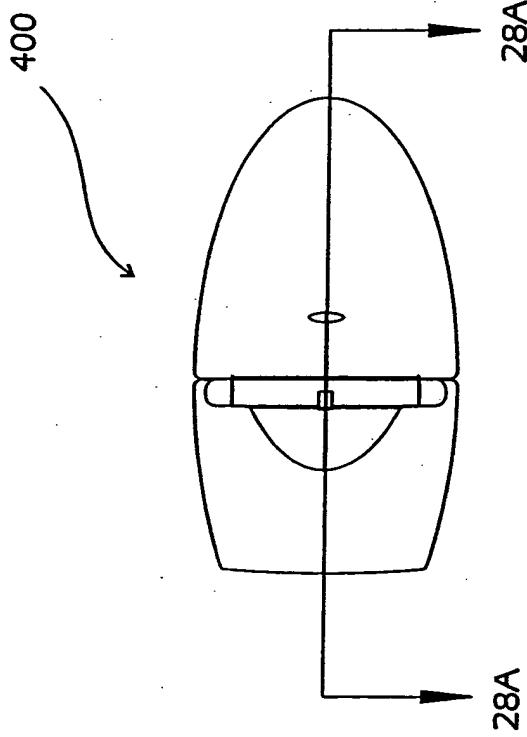


FIG.28A



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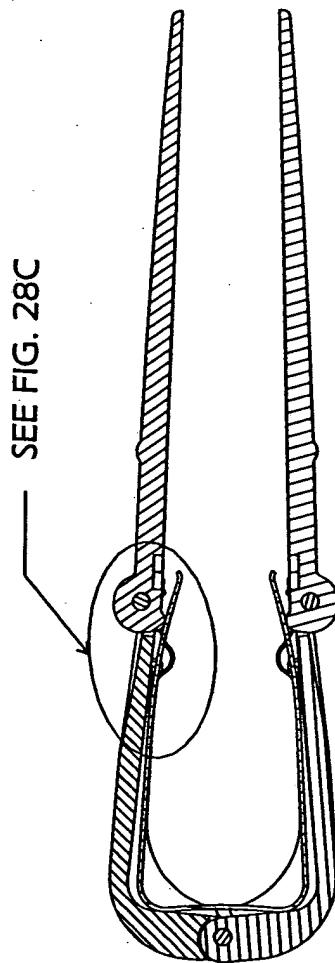


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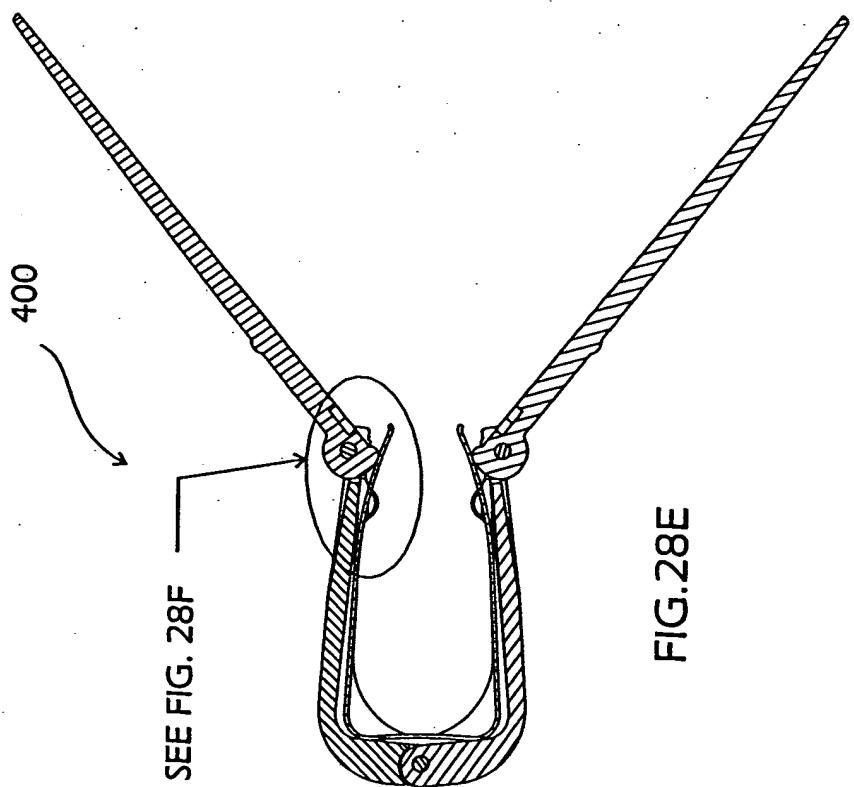


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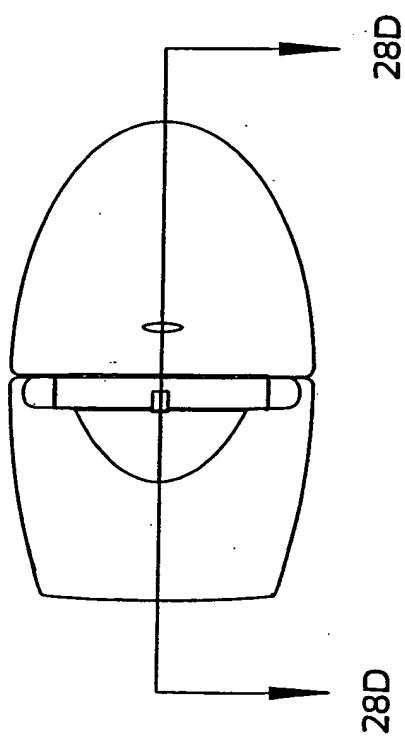


FIG. 28D

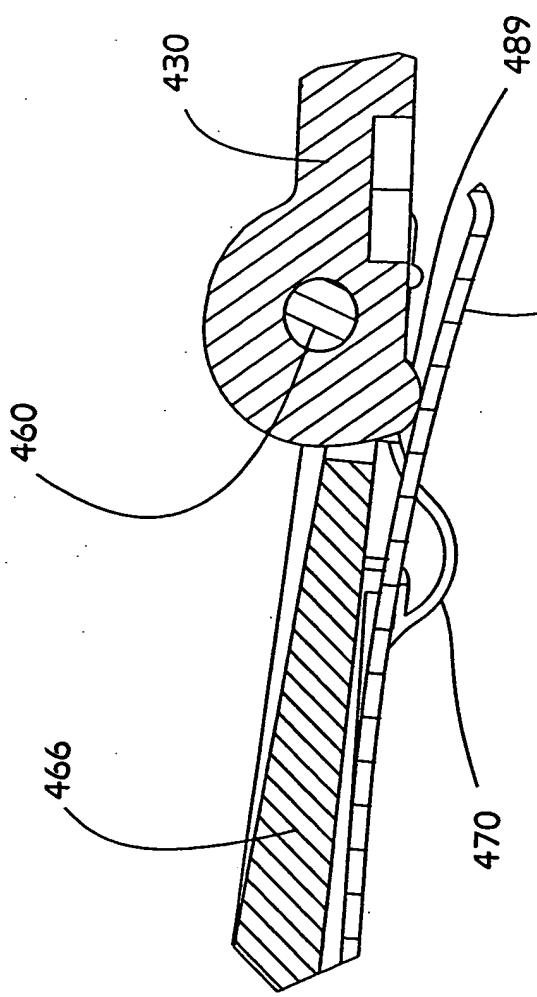


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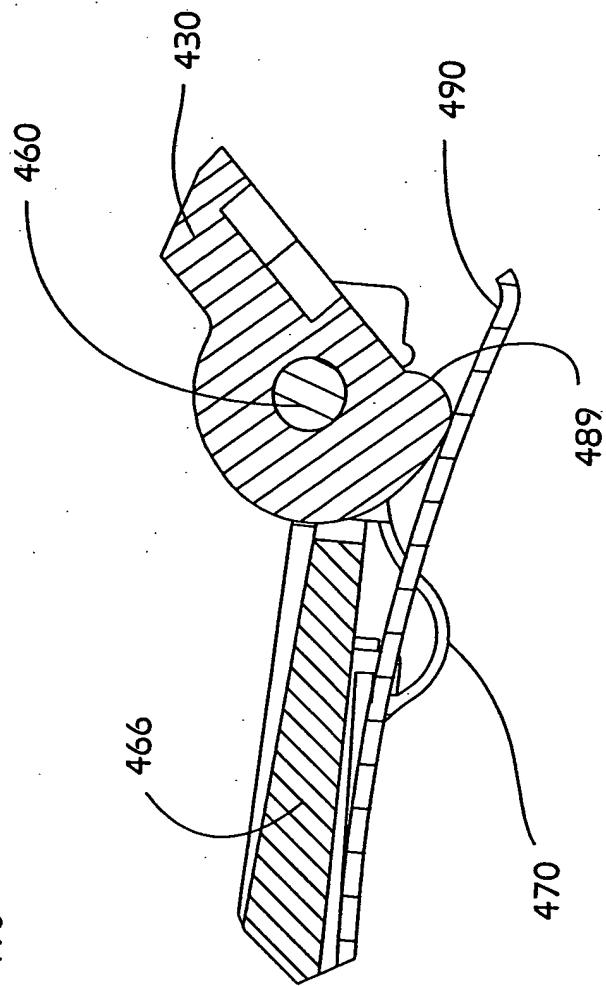
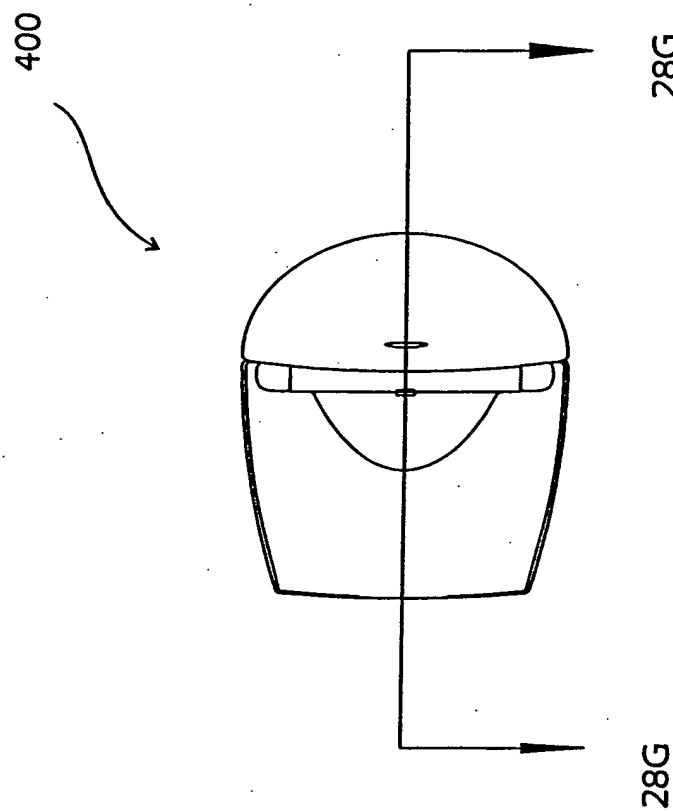
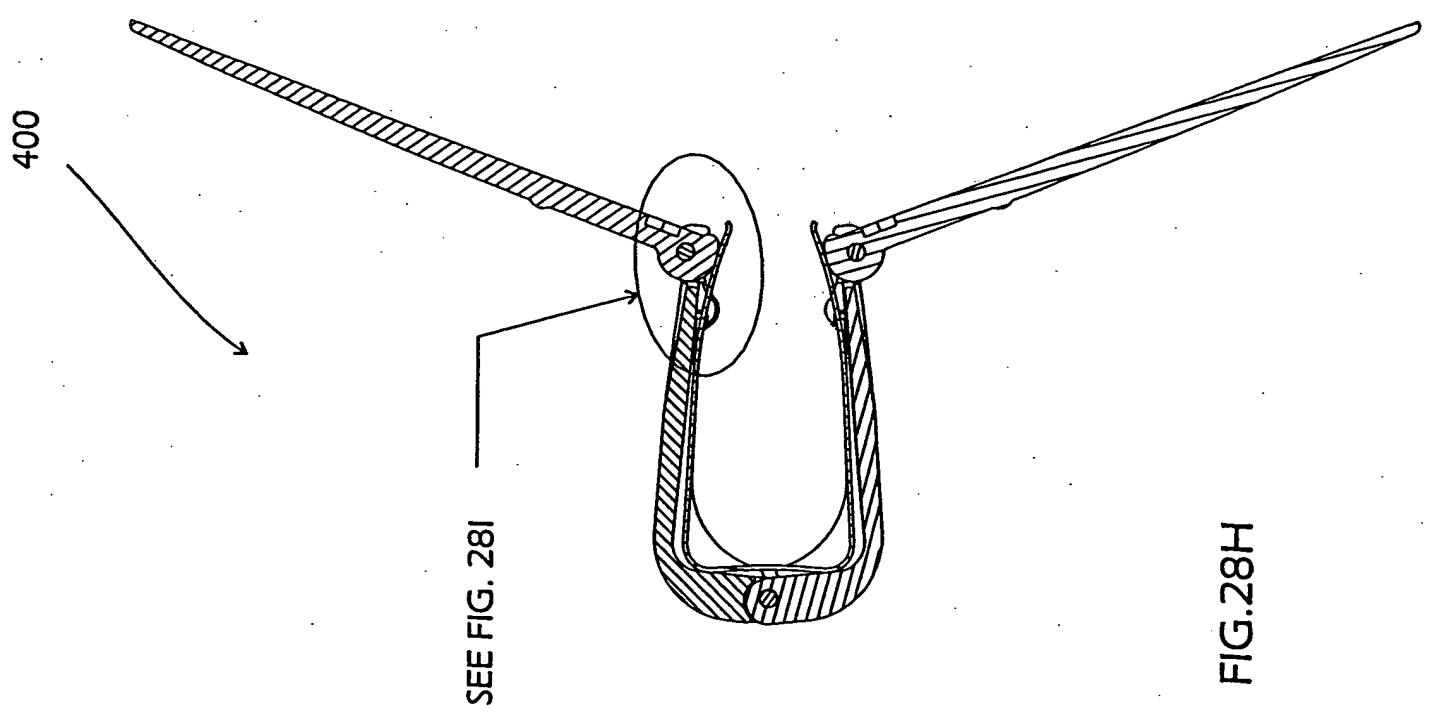


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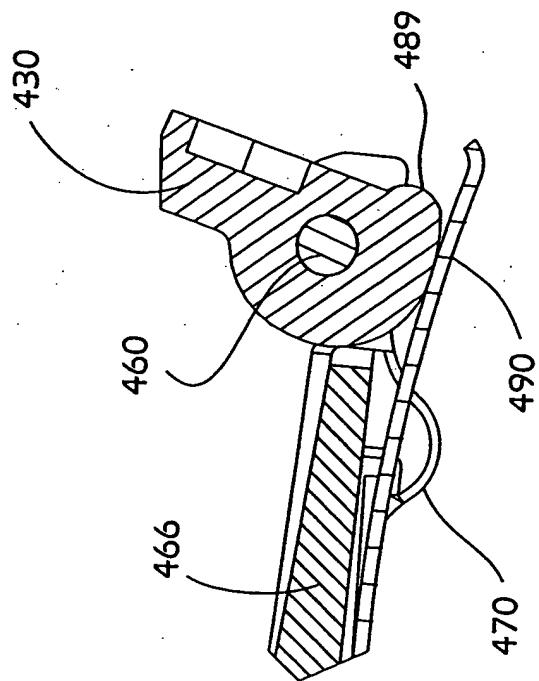


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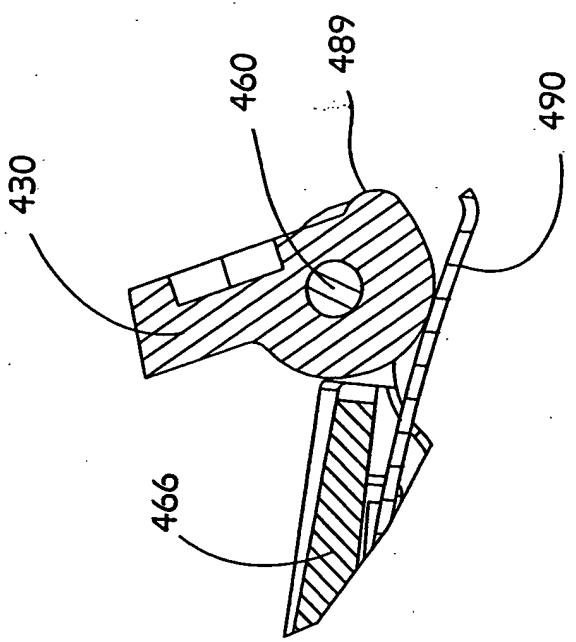


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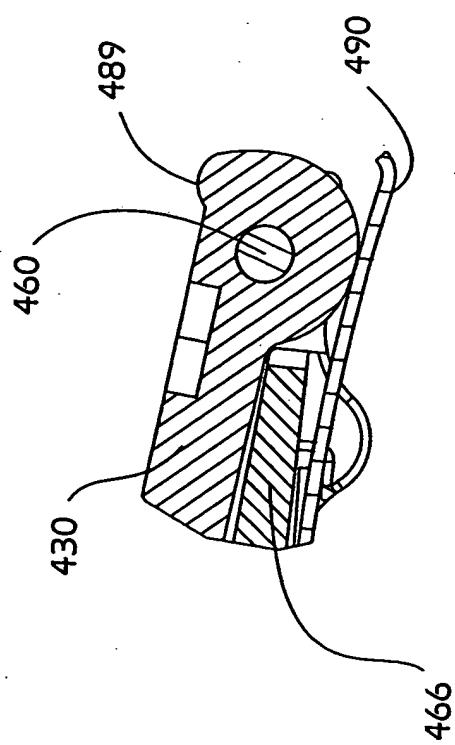


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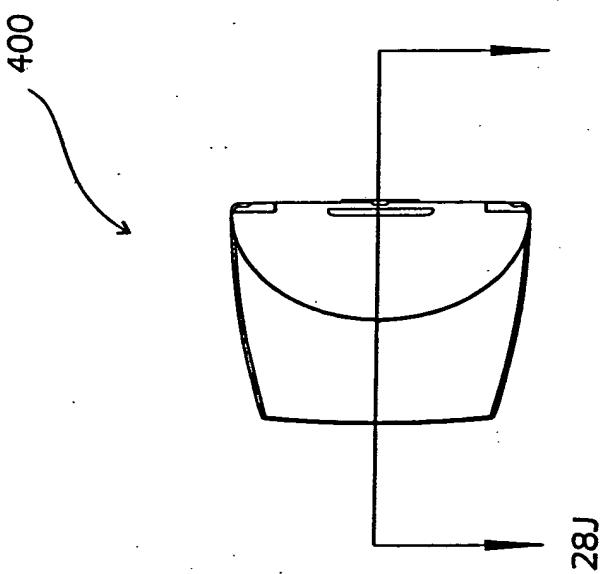
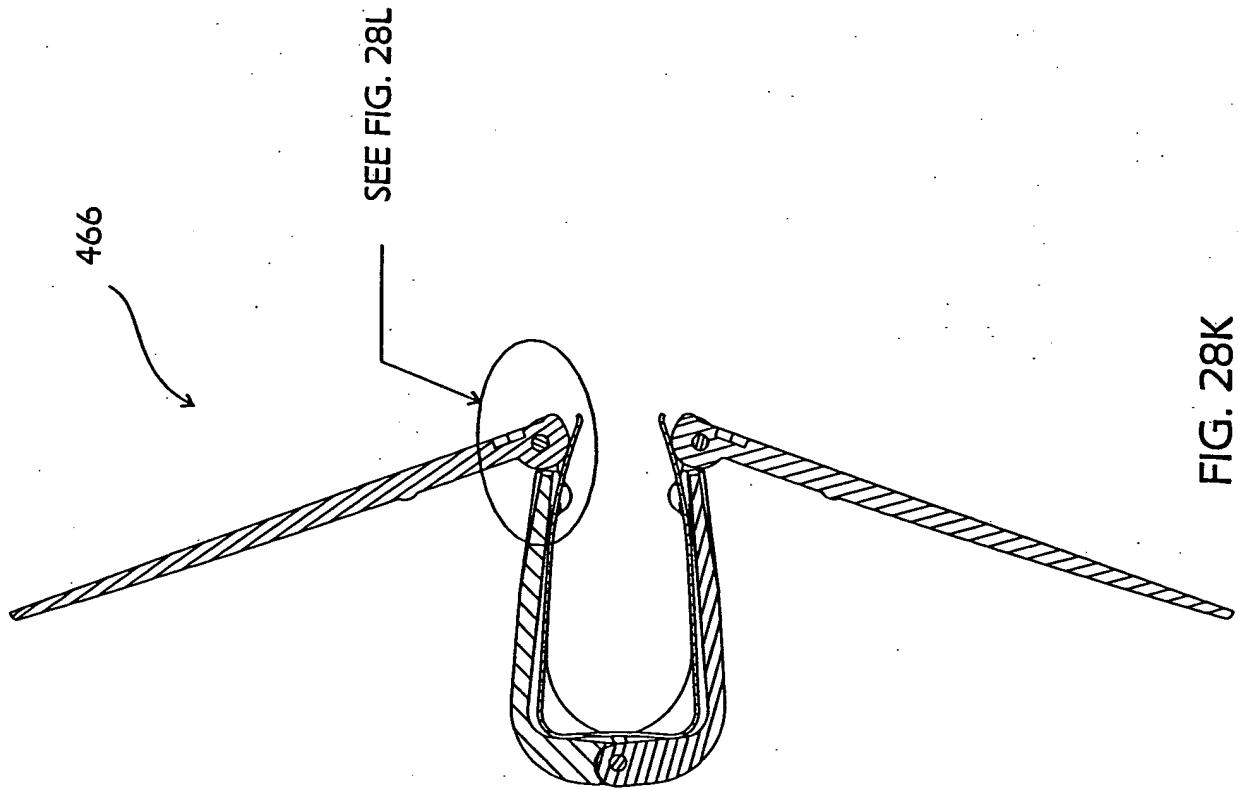


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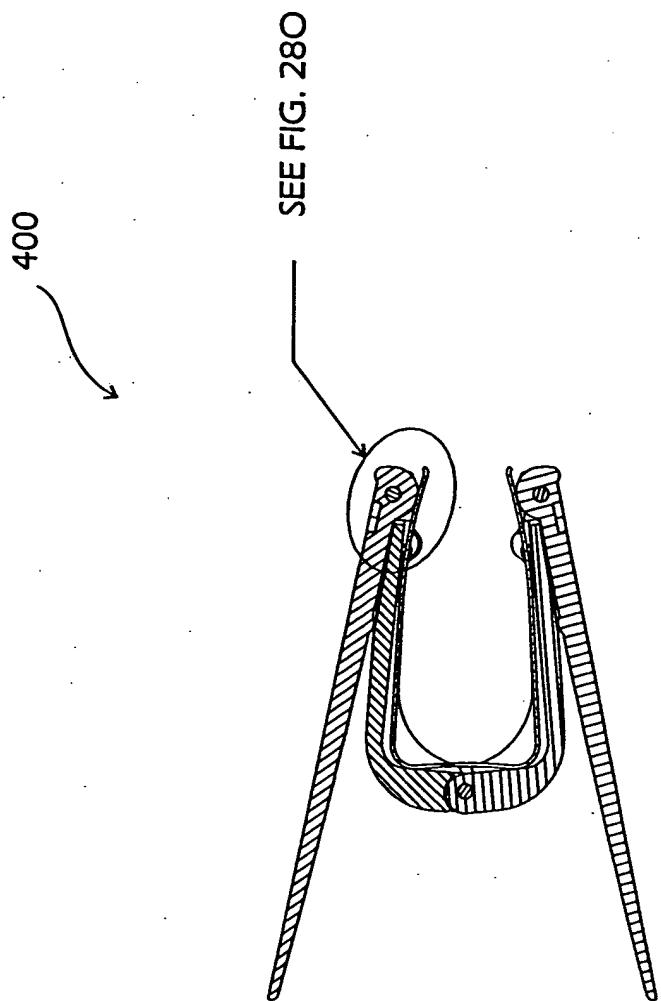


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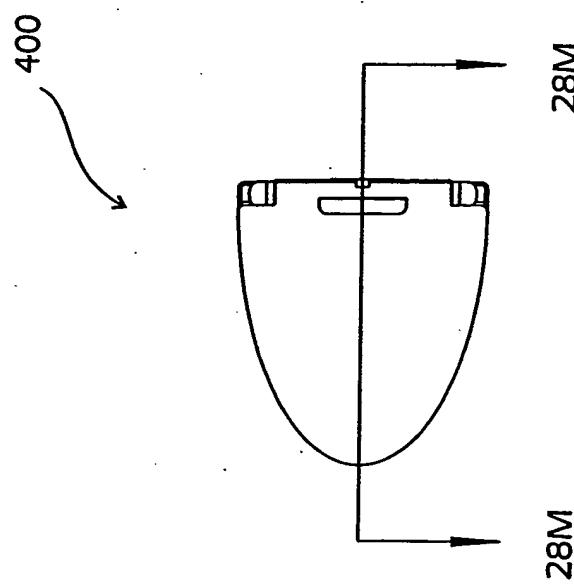


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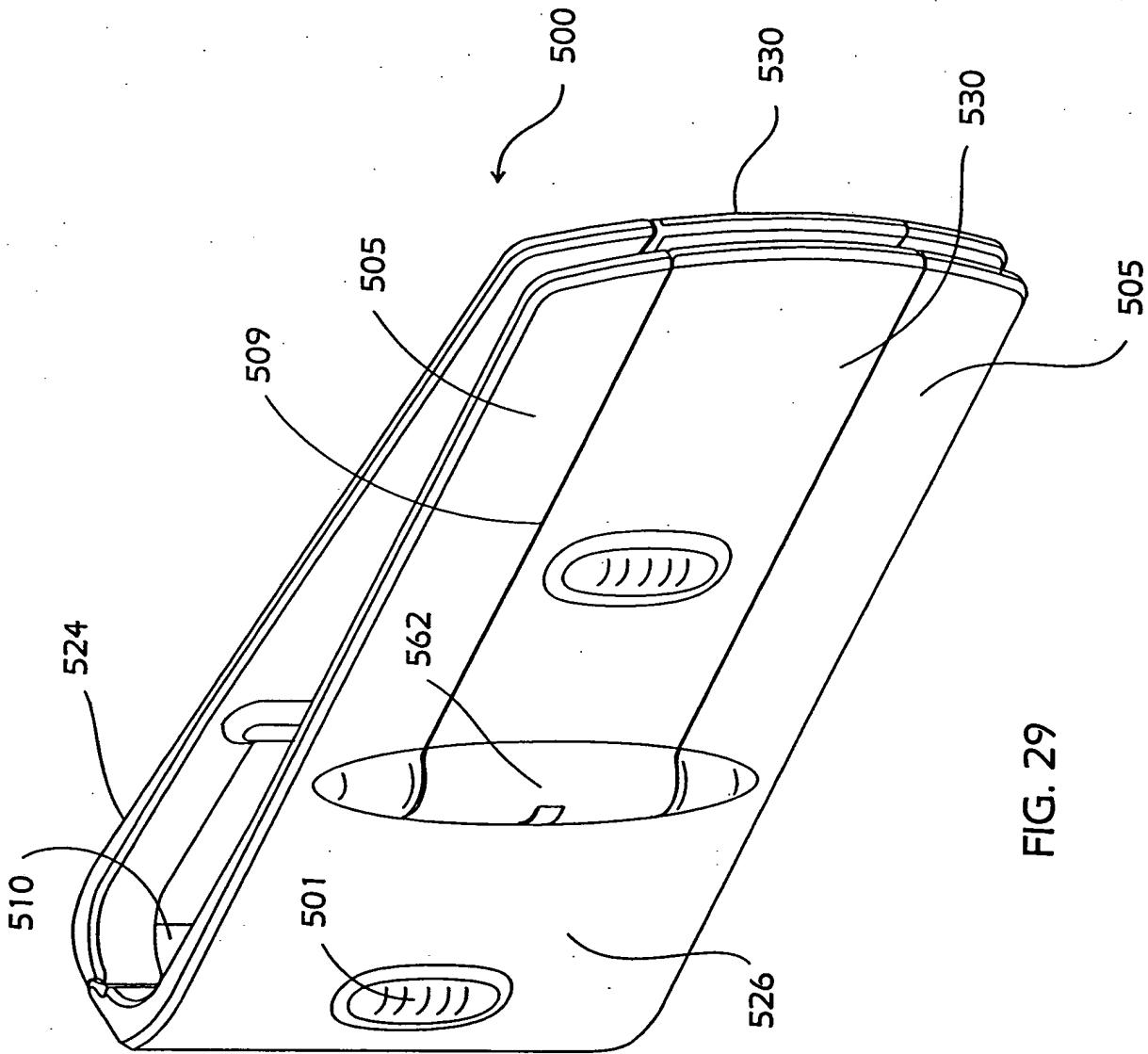


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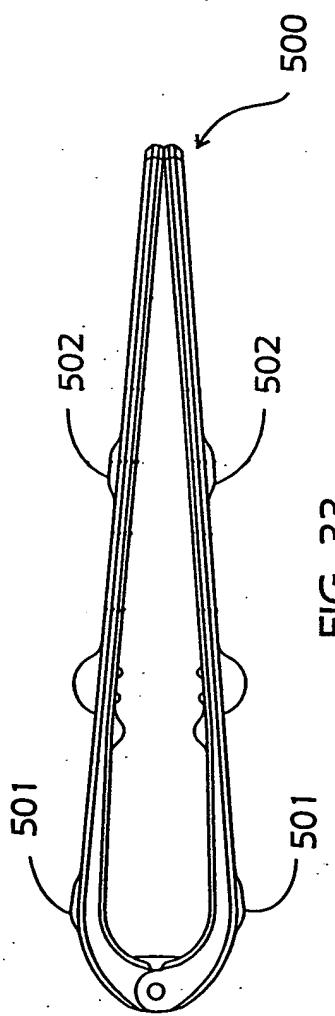


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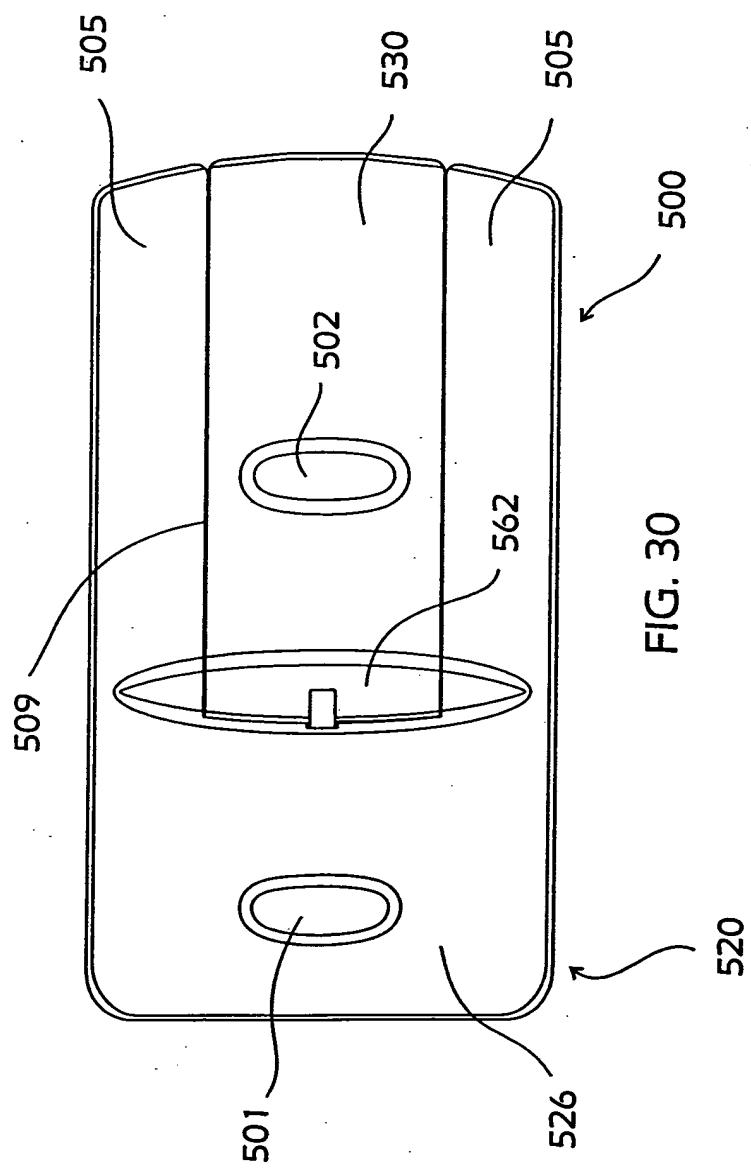


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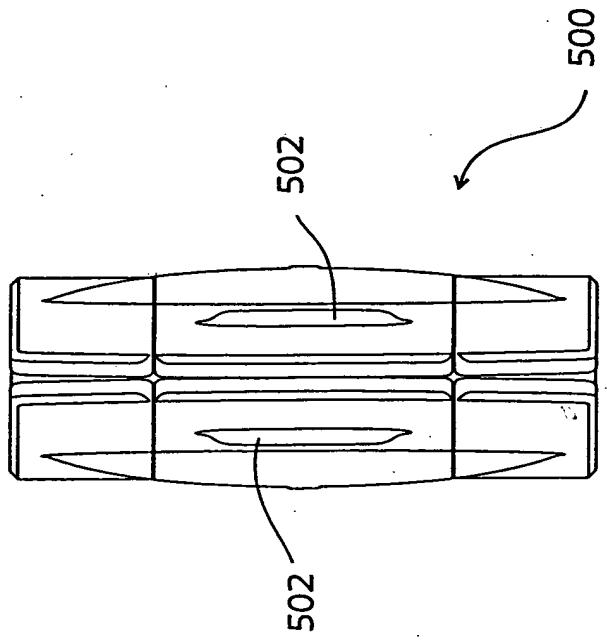


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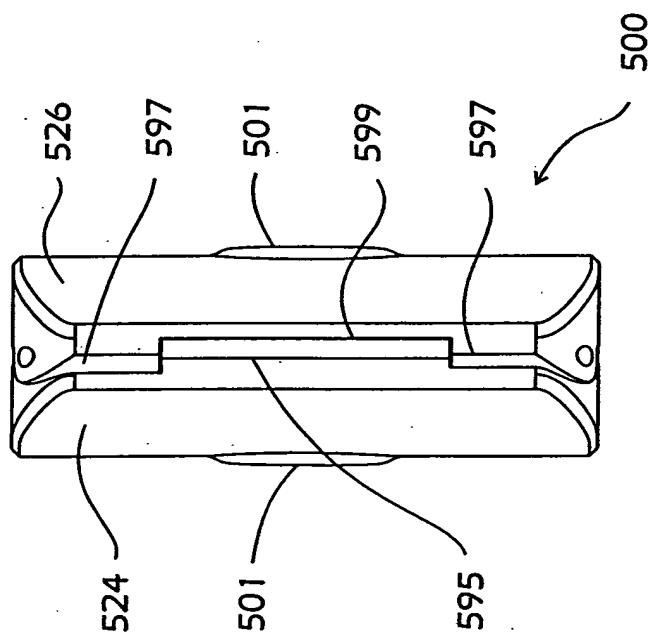


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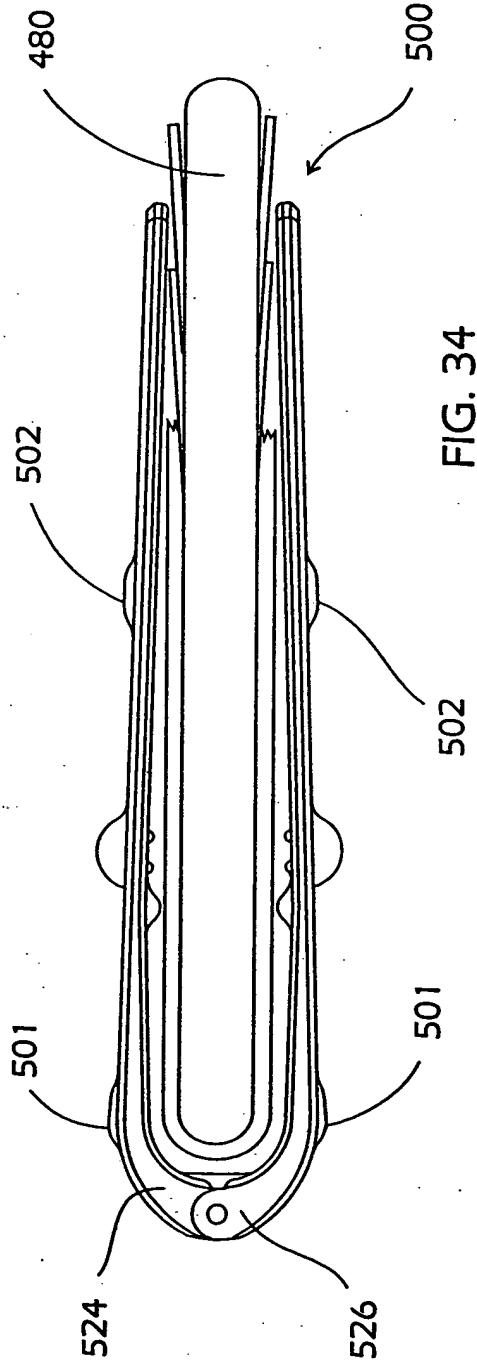


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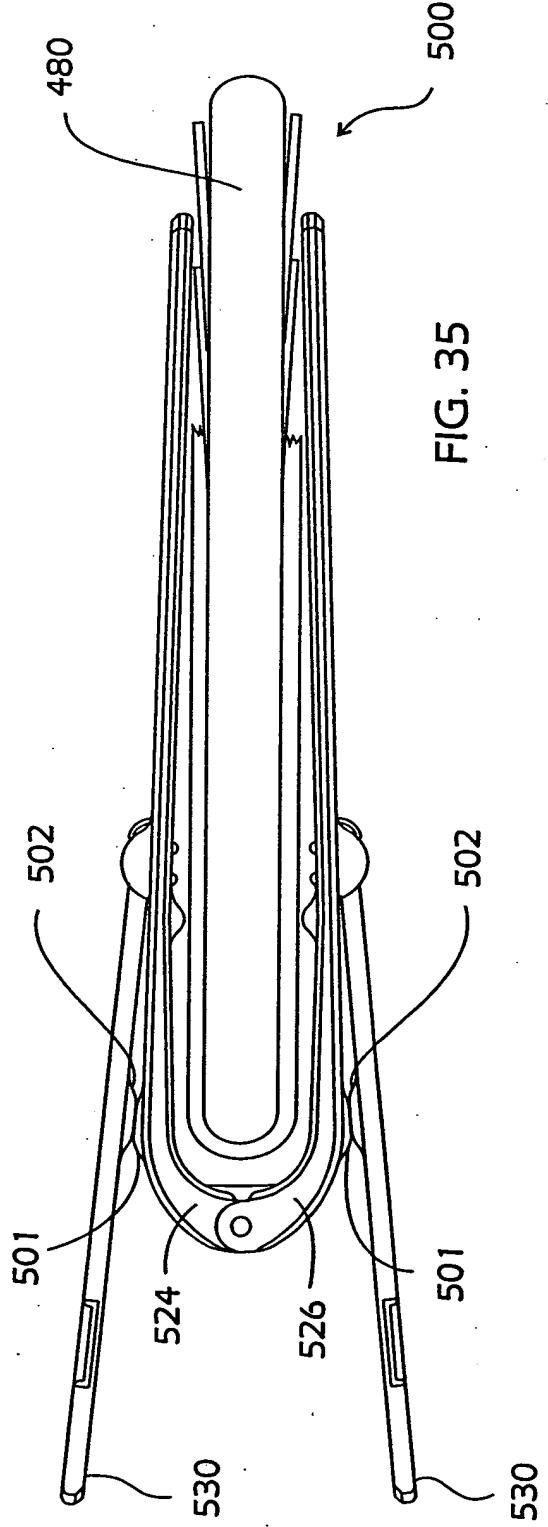


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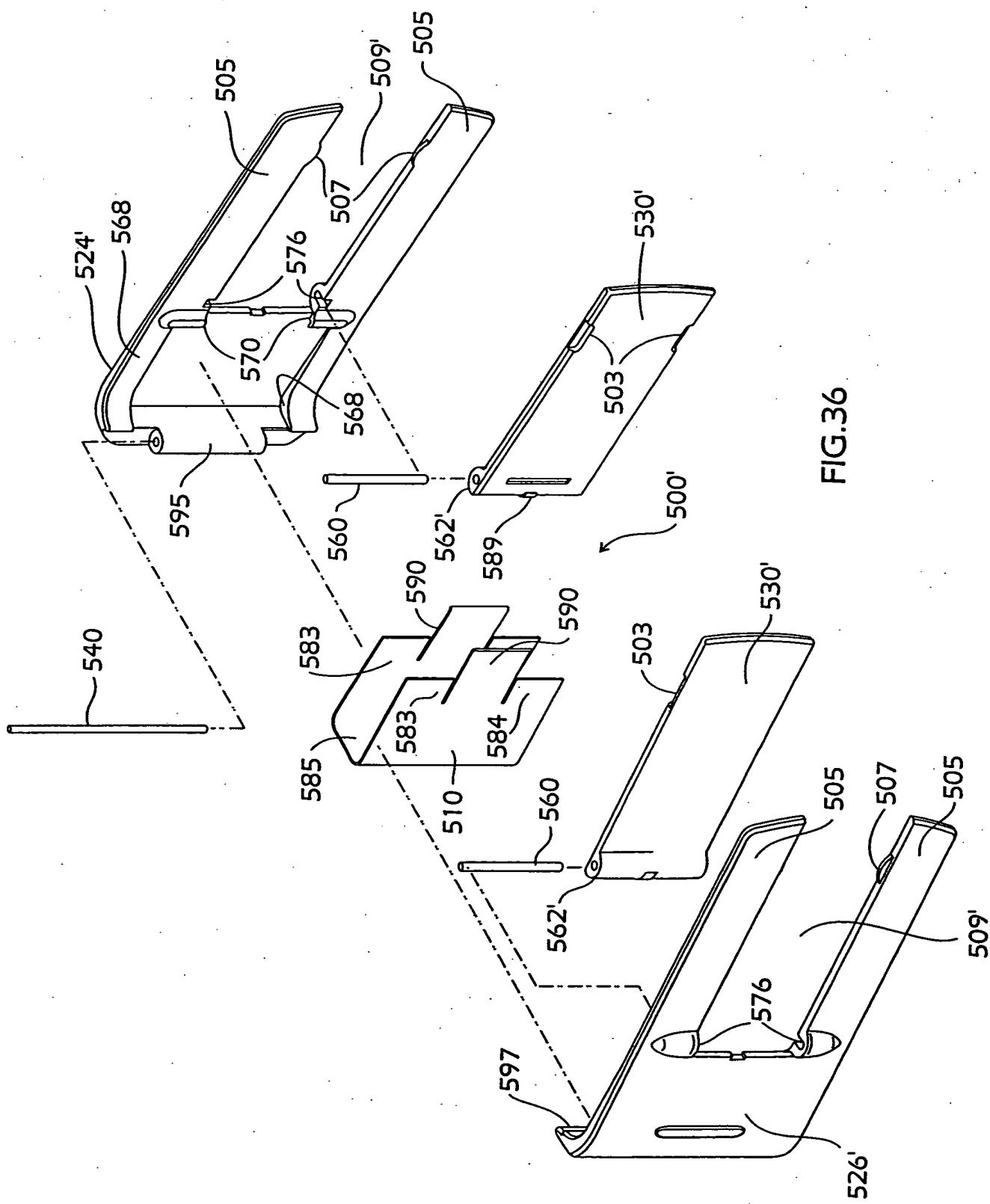


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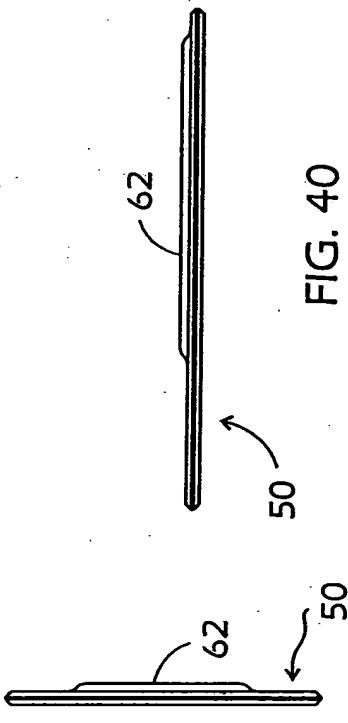


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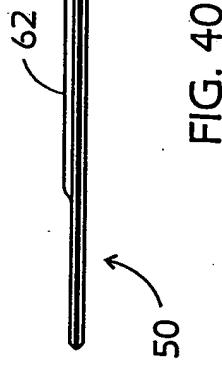


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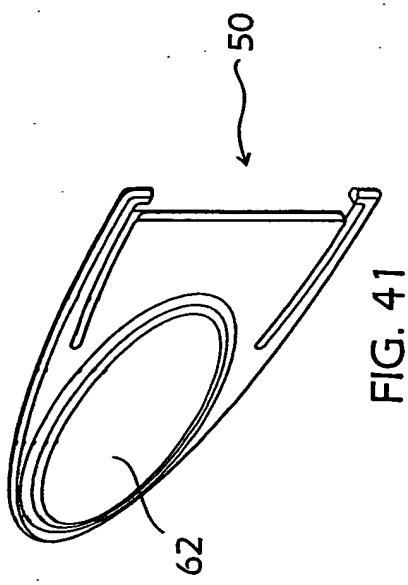


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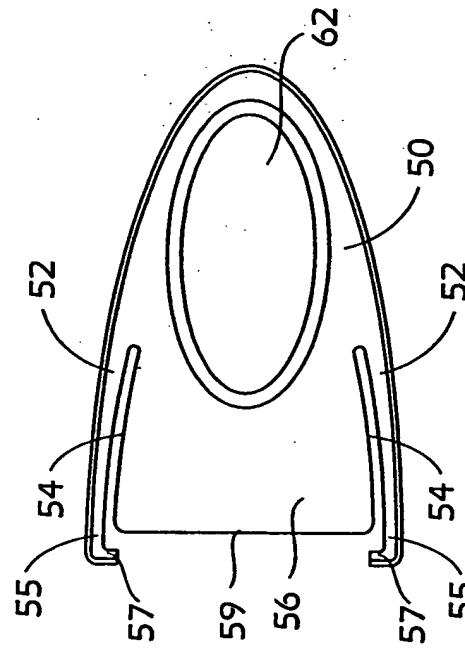


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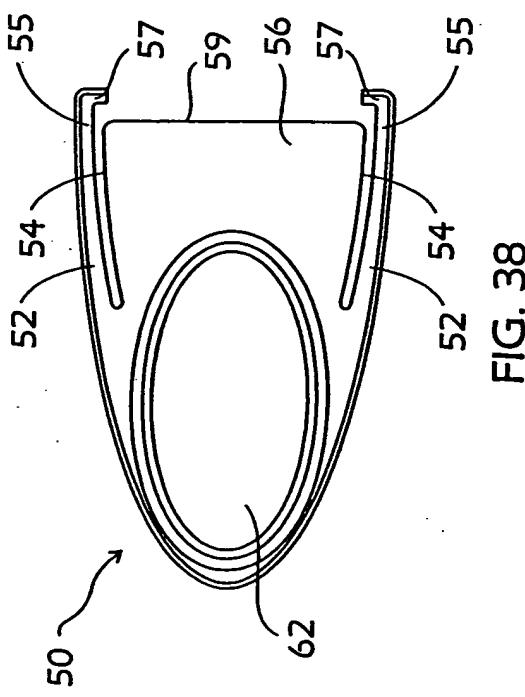


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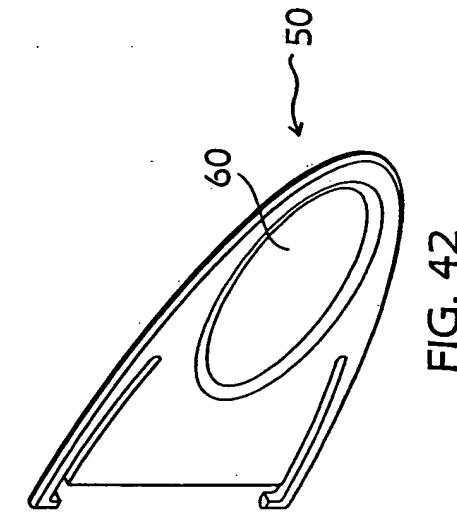


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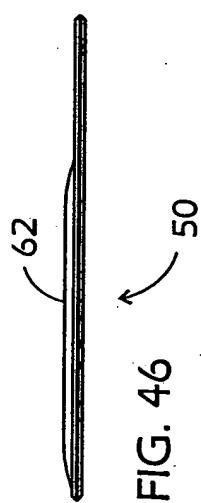
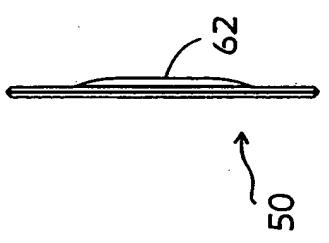
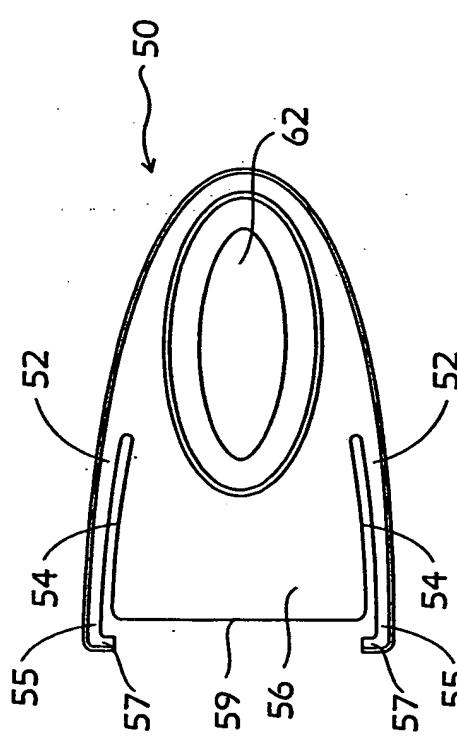


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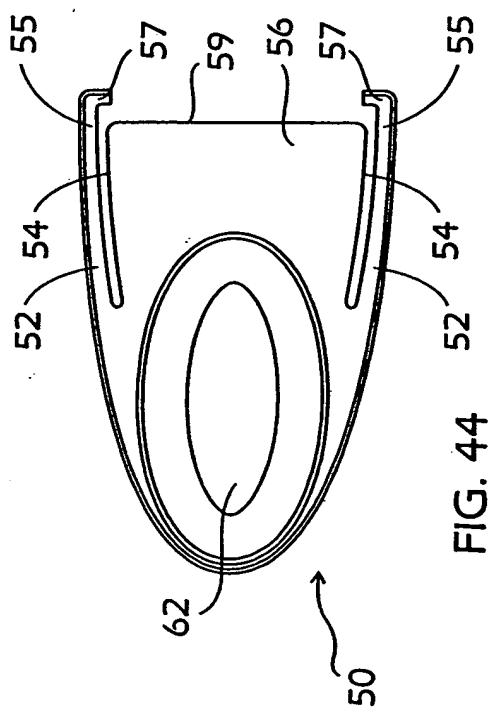
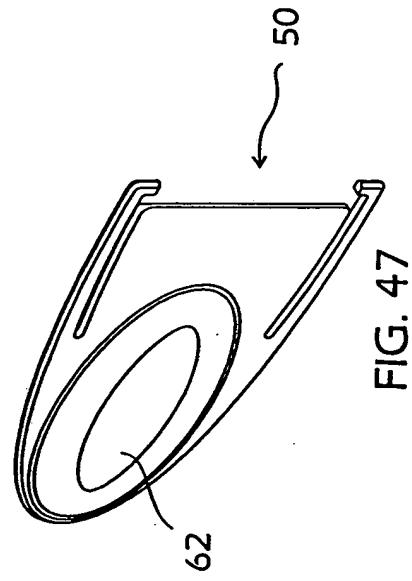
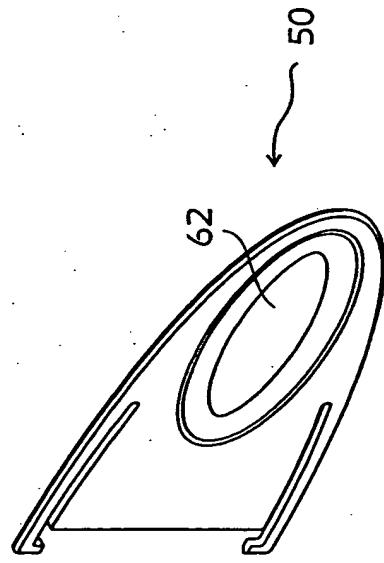
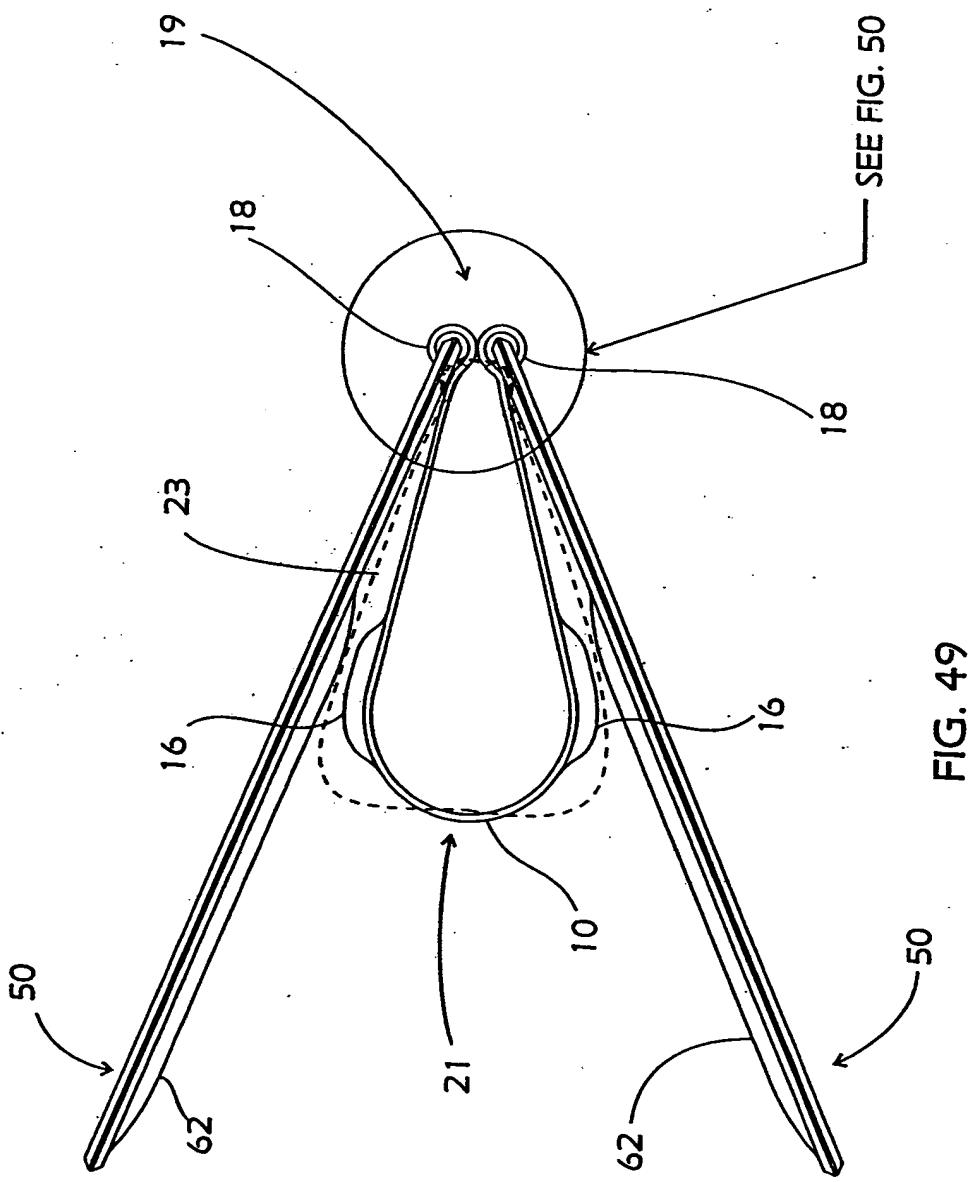
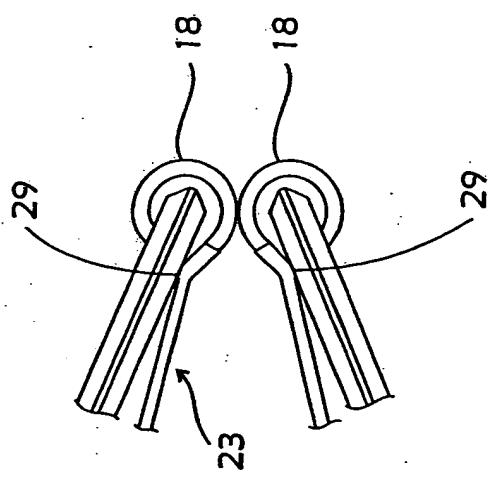
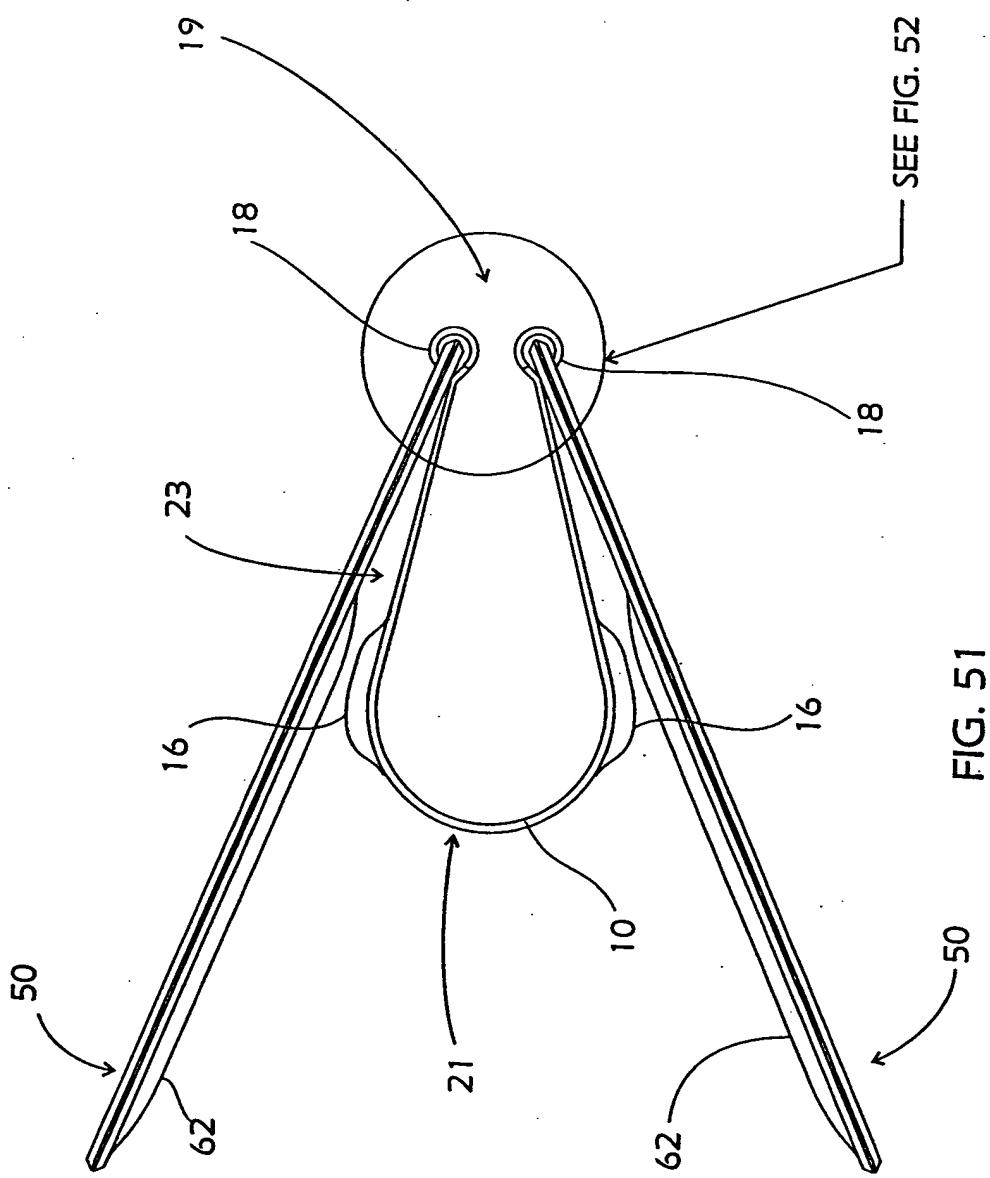
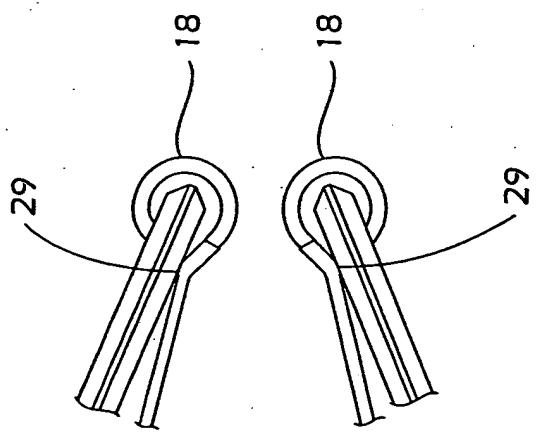


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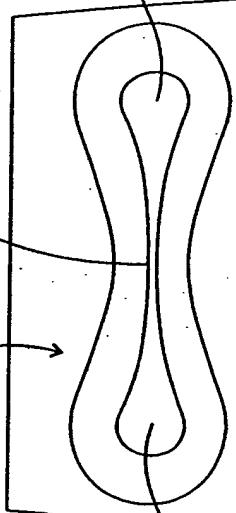




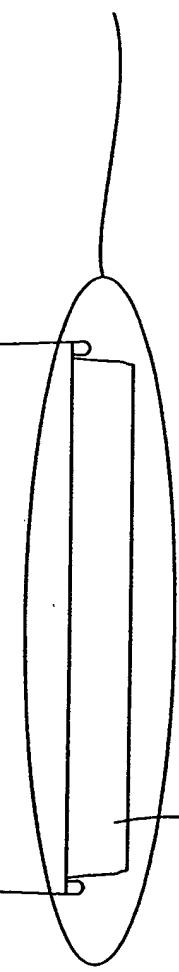


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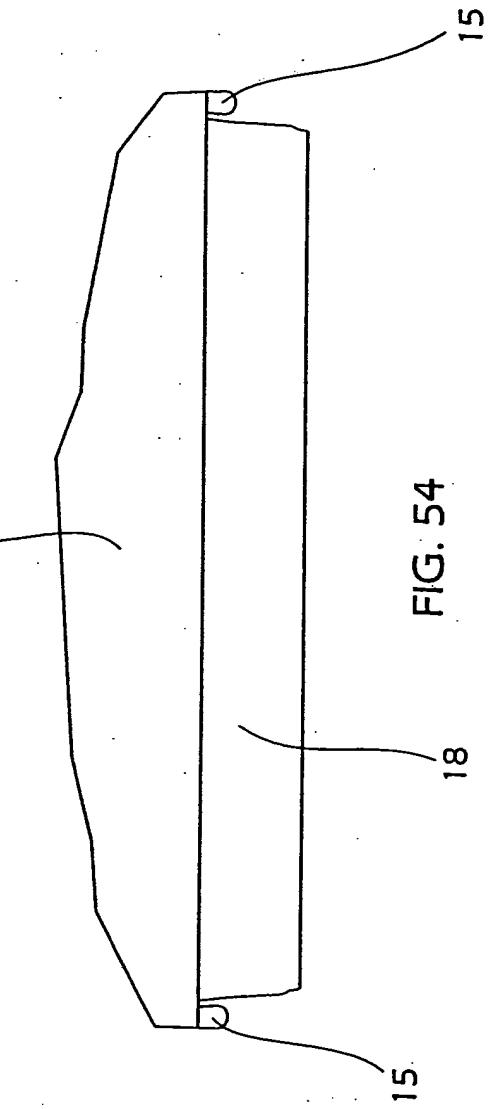


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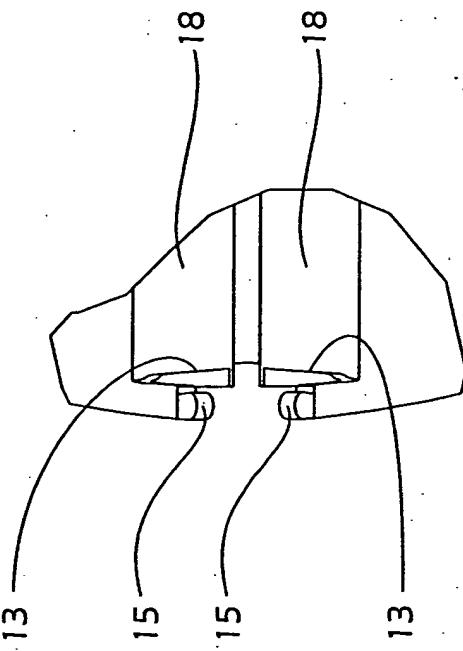
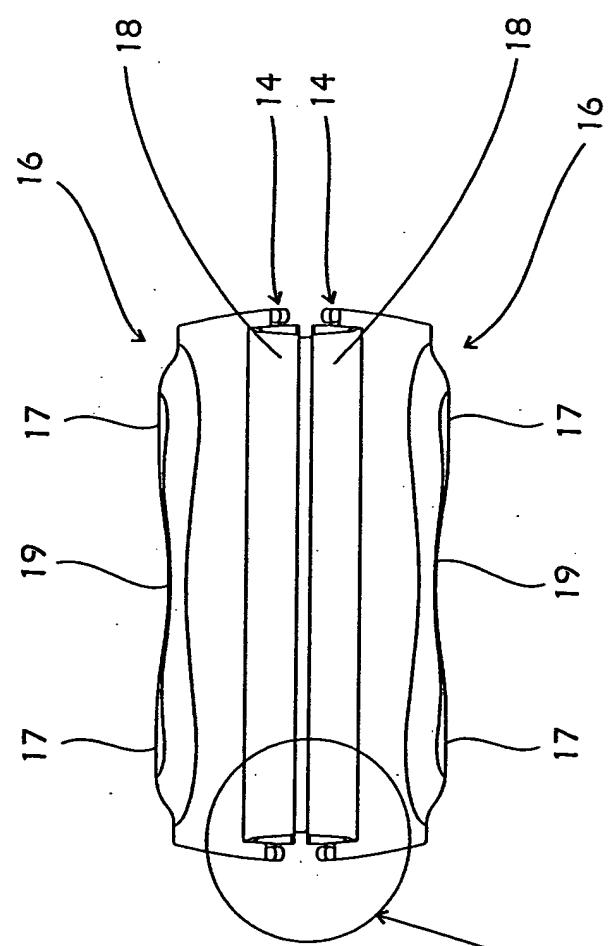


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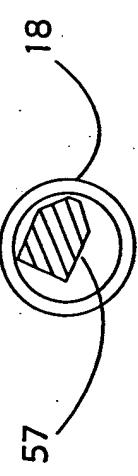


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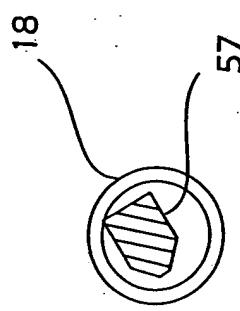


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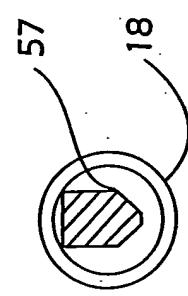


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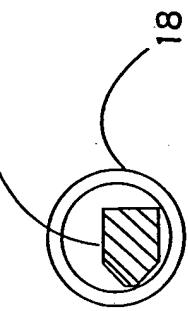
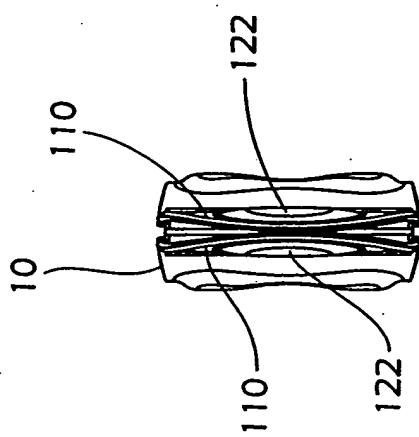
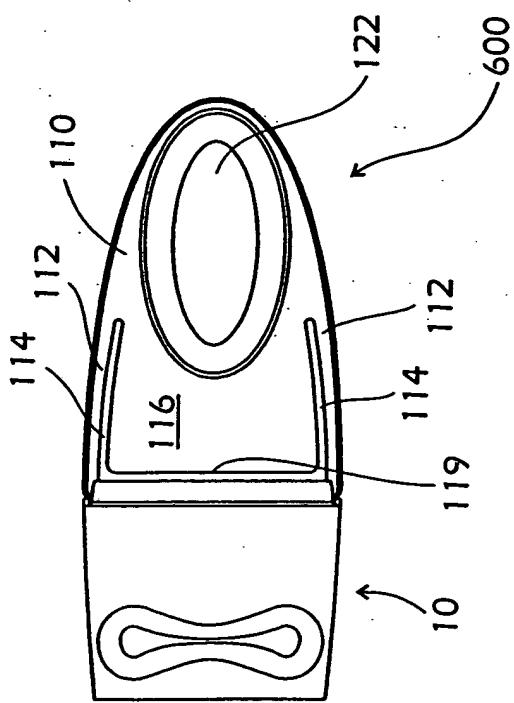
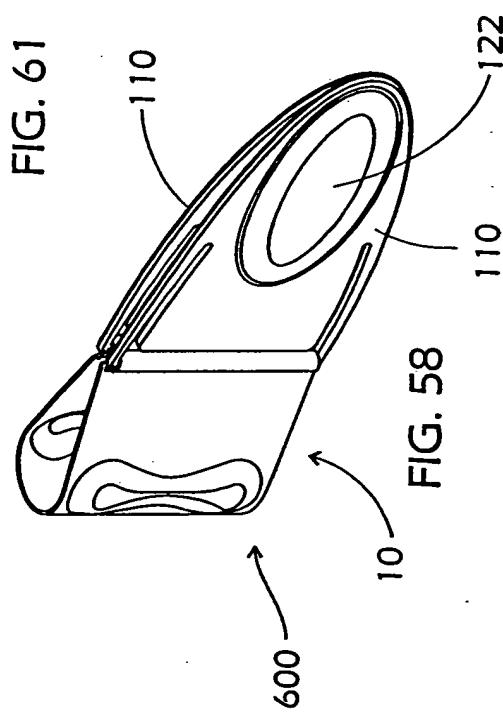
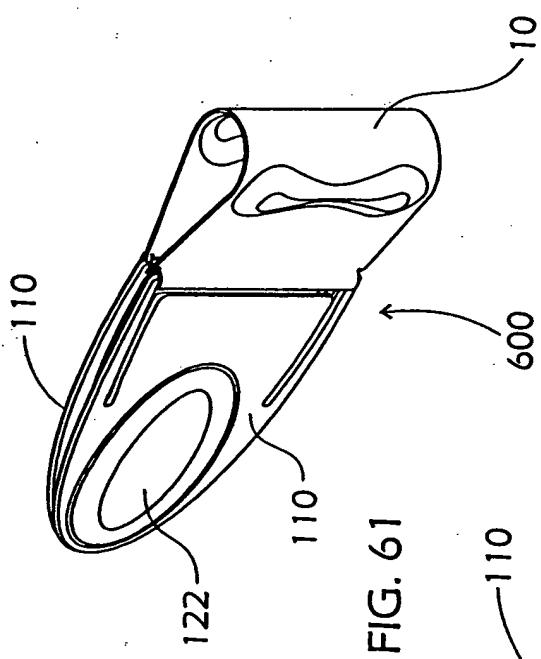
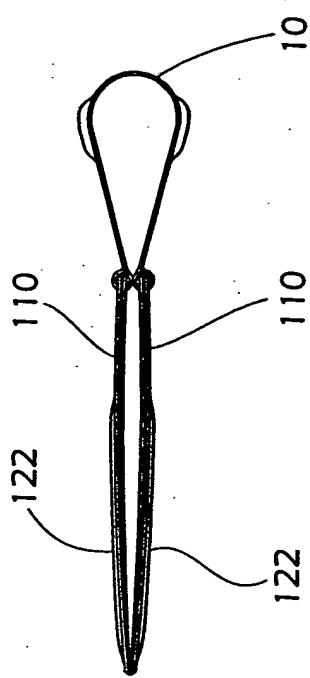


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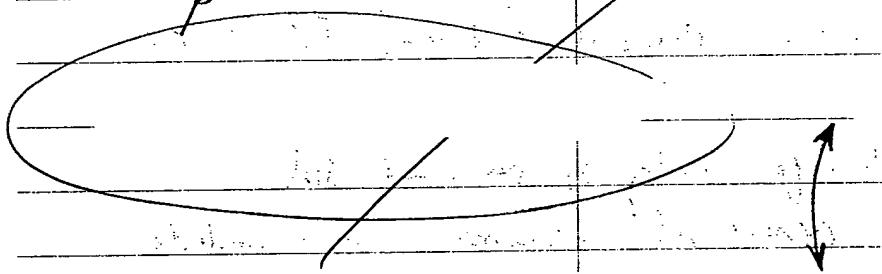
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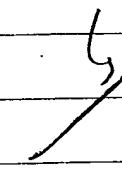
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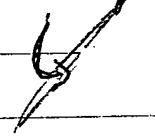
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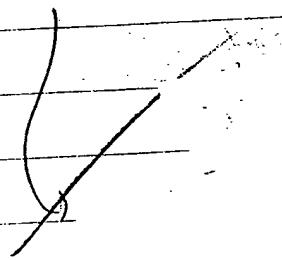


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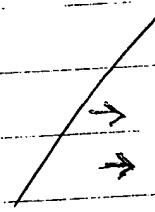


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03

0.1 -

7:05 ffp

8:46 -

9:19 - ffp

9:49 -

9:59 -

10:01 ffp

4

10:06 -

04

10:35 fm

10:55 fp

11:13-fp

11:23-fp

11:28 fp

11:38 fm

11:50 -

12:24 fstop

12:30 fp

12:58 -

05

3:25 ~~Sp~~

512 796

3:40

3:58 ~~Sp~~

4:06 - ~~Sp~~

06

4:15-

b2

4:17 - Stop

4:31 -

4:37 -

4:43 - Stop

b3

~~5:11~~ 4:57 -

6:06 - Stop

07

~~9:07~~

~~9:11 fm~~

~~4~~

~~9:15-fg~~

~~9:35-fg~~

~~9:40-~~

~~12:04-fg~~

0.1-

08

2:05 - look @

2:29 stop

5

2:42 stop

4

7:44

7:37 stop

09

0.1-

0.2-

8:59

9:38 - top

↓

10:16 - top

0.4

11:30 - top

↓

12:02 - top

↓

12:07 -

↓

1:38 - top

0.2-

10

~~3:20 -~~

~~4:20 - Sj~~

↳ Chip's app

~~6:40 - Sj~~

~~7:10 - work on Agent~~

~~8:00 AM - 10:00 AM~~

stop doing  
that

2.75

~~10:12 - Sj~~

3/30

9:36 -

9:45 ~~fp~~

9:48 ~~fp~~

9:56 ~~fp~~

10:02 ~~fp~~

11:10 ~~fp~~

11:14 ~~sp~~

11:20 ~~fp~~

~~3/30~~

~~9:36 - QSAK:00260~~

~~9:45 Typ~~

~~IOWA:047 deer & ro's~~

~~9:48 Typ~~

~~BAES:03~~

~~9:58 Typ~~

~~remained for UTIC:018 EP~~

~~10:02 Typ~~

~~Dianne Lettlein~~

~~Diane~~

~~(214)745-5153~~

~~work on audit stuff~~

~~11:10-8p~~

~~11:14 - answer Probes Q~~

~~11:14 - Typ~~

~~→ look @ Tonner~~

~~11:20 - Typ~~

~~proposal to Dianne; call to Chy~~

~~Send email~~

11:34 - fp

↳ Morgan

11:36 - fp

~~↳ talk to Cheryl~~

11:43 - fp

↳ John Forrester

(432) 445-4115  
talk to him

12:10 - CC meeting

1:06 - fp

↳ pens

1:18 - respond to Kelly

1:40 - fp

↳ deal w/ Andie

2:53 - fp

↳ look @ Tim's stuff - email him

3:11 - fp

14

~~3:33 - Stop~~

~~→ talk to Feigh~~

~~3:45 - Stop~~

432 445 4115

→ Forrester

4:09 - talk to ~~Tim~~

0.2 press

4:35 - Stop

→ 940 7589  
(432)

Stephen Wolfe  
458-3007

5:05 - talk to Florida

6:05 - Stop

0.1 - leave message for Mark Brown

**Garrett, Mark**

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**From:** Lauren Brenneman [[lauren@id-one.net](mailto:lauren@id-one.net)]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 29, 2004 6:29 PM  
**To:** Garrett, Mark  
**Subject:** Re: More views...

see attached...

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**From:** Garrett, Mark  
**To:** Lauren Brenneman ; Redza Shah  
**Sent:** Monday, March 29, 2004 6:06 PM  
**Subject:** RE: More views...

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**From:** Lauren Brenneman [<mailto:lauren@id-one.net>]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 29, 2004 5:52 PM  
**To:** Garrett, Mark  
**Subject:** More views...

Mark,

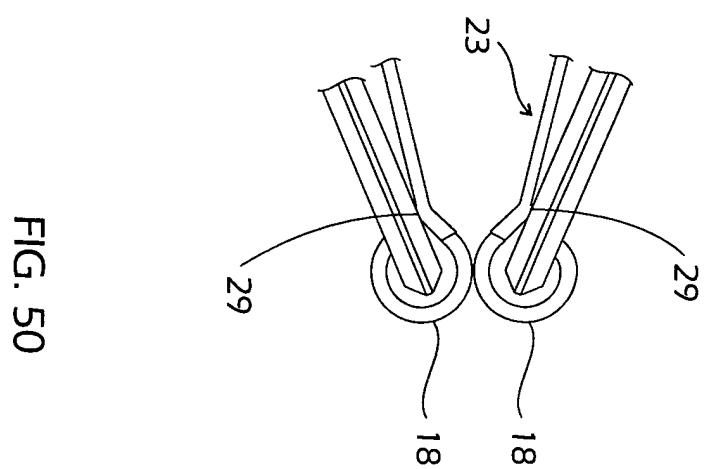
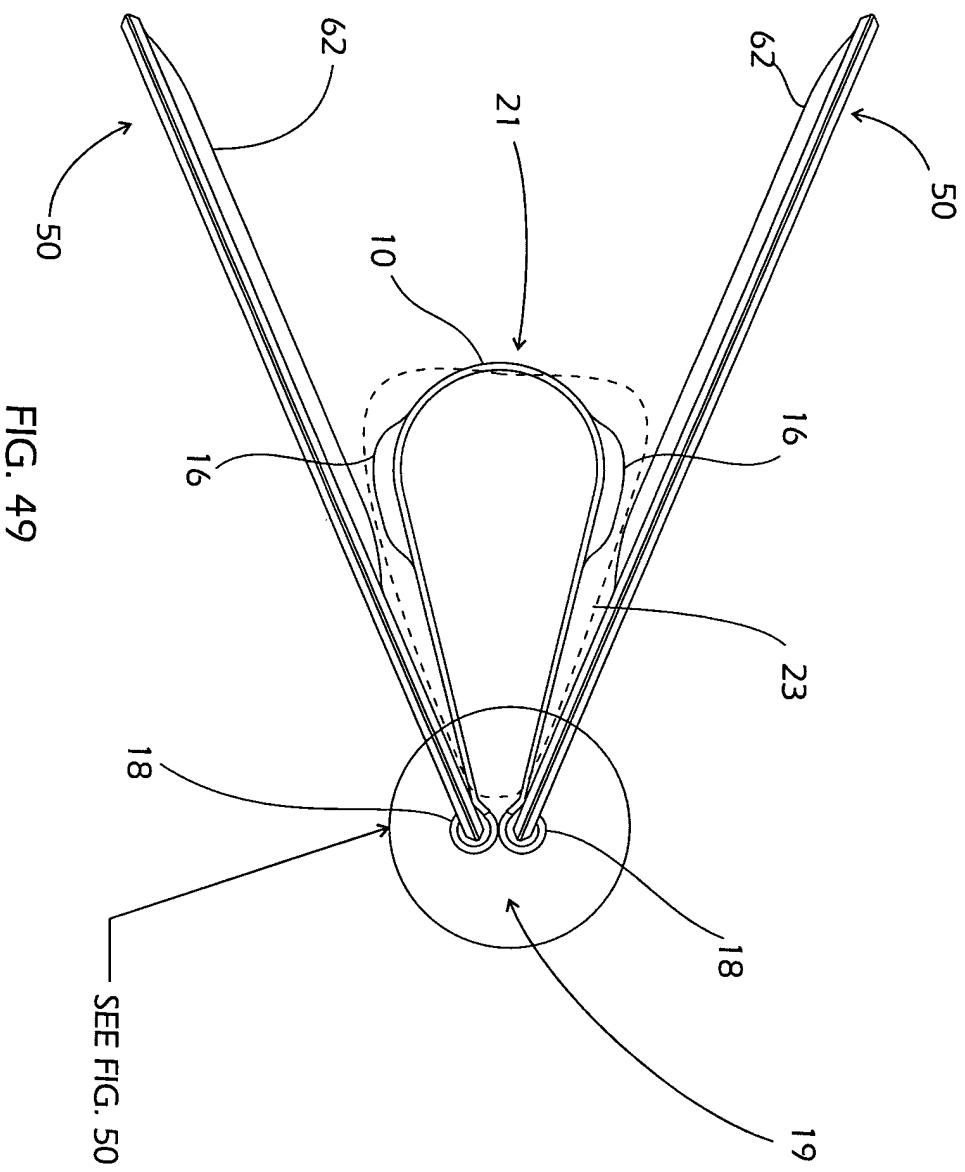
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Lauren

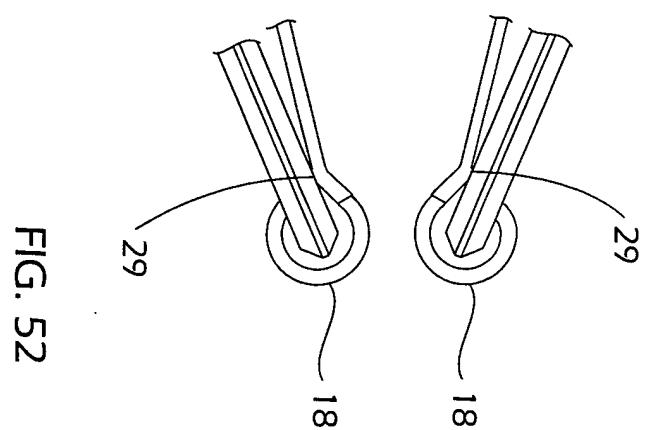
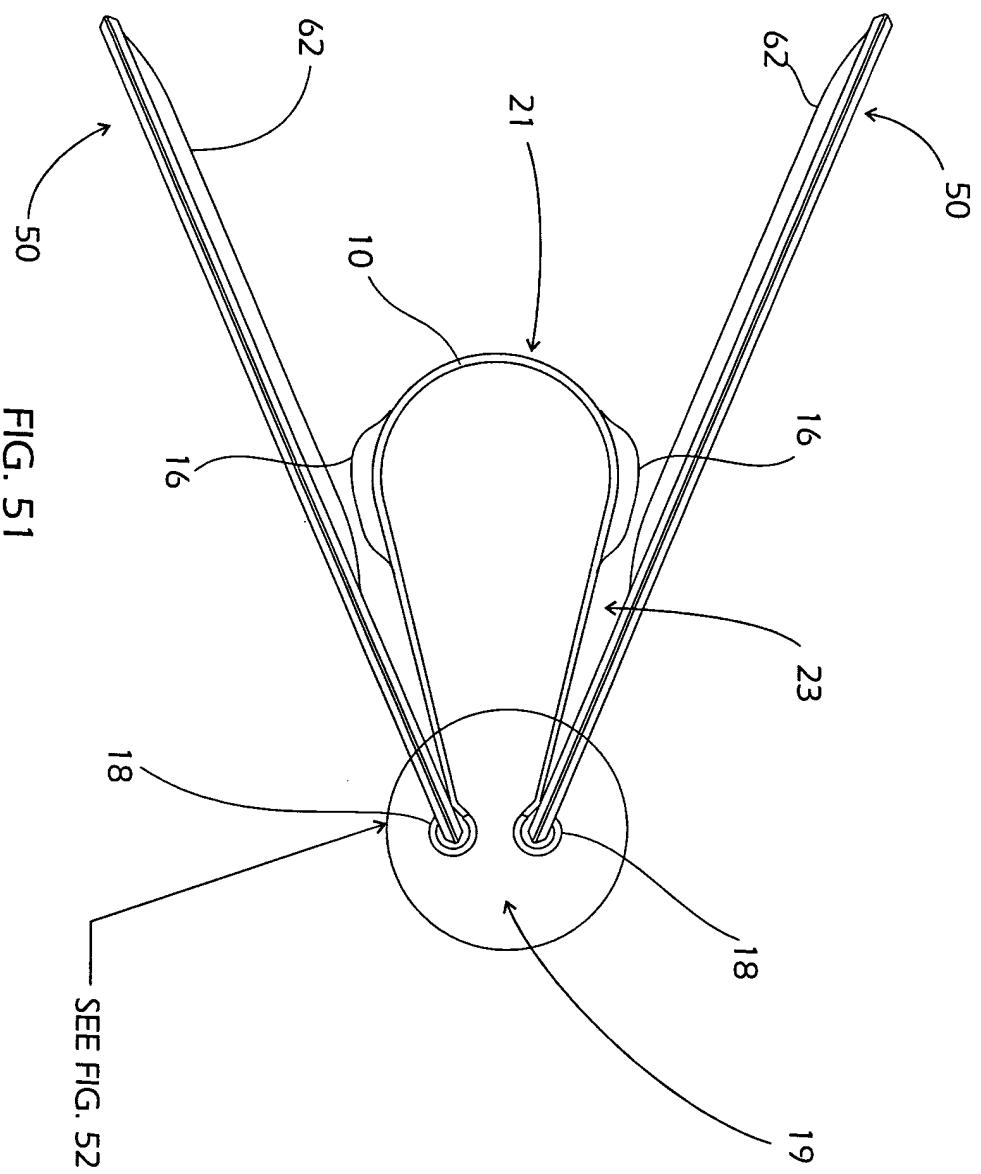
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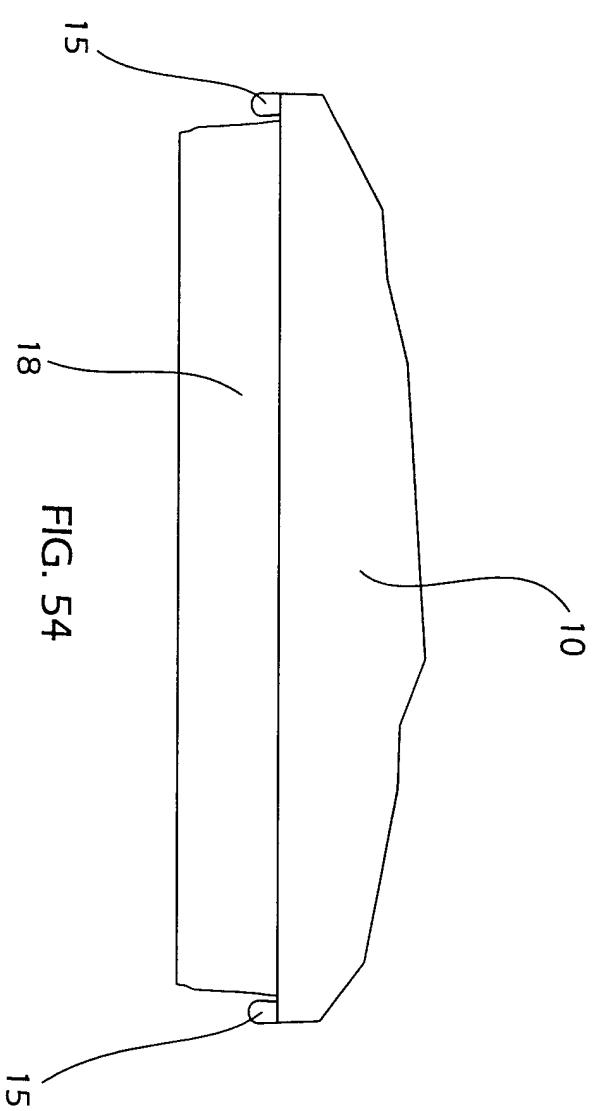
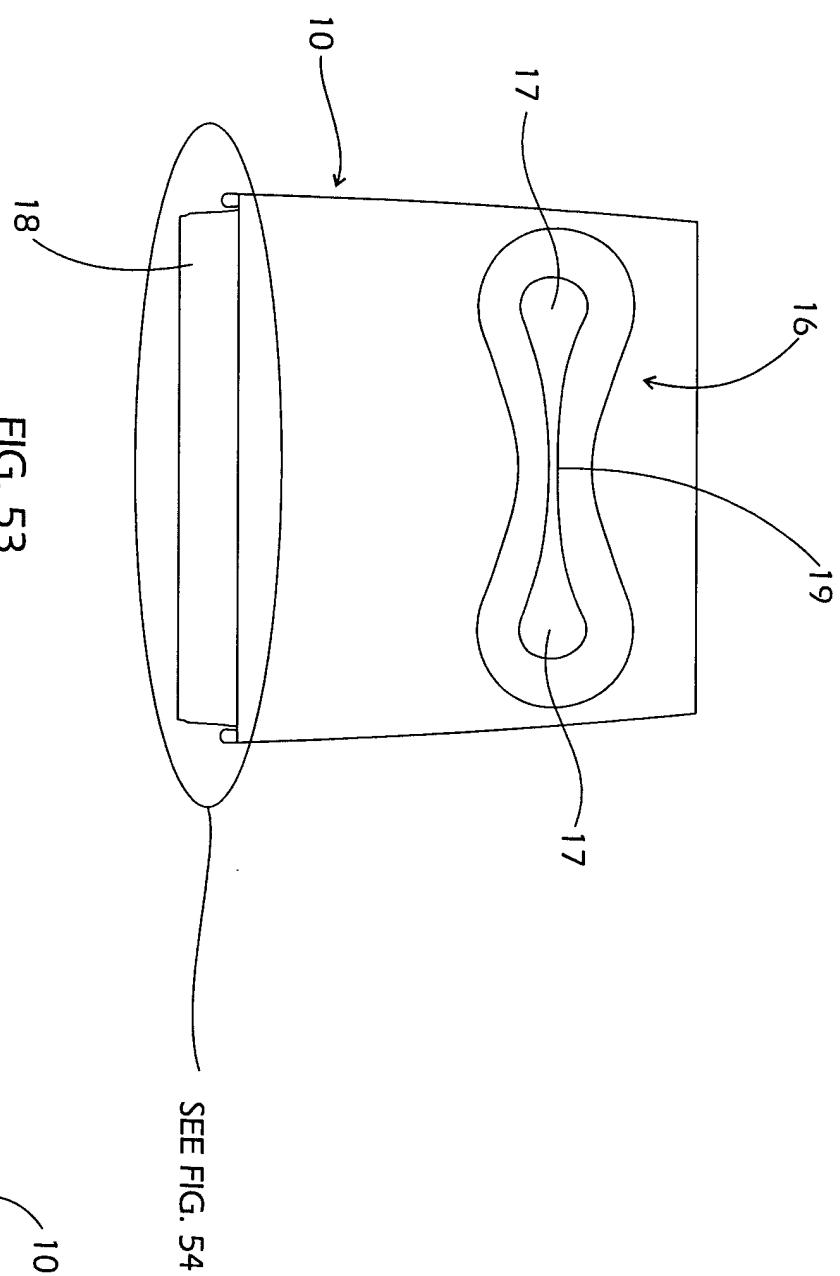
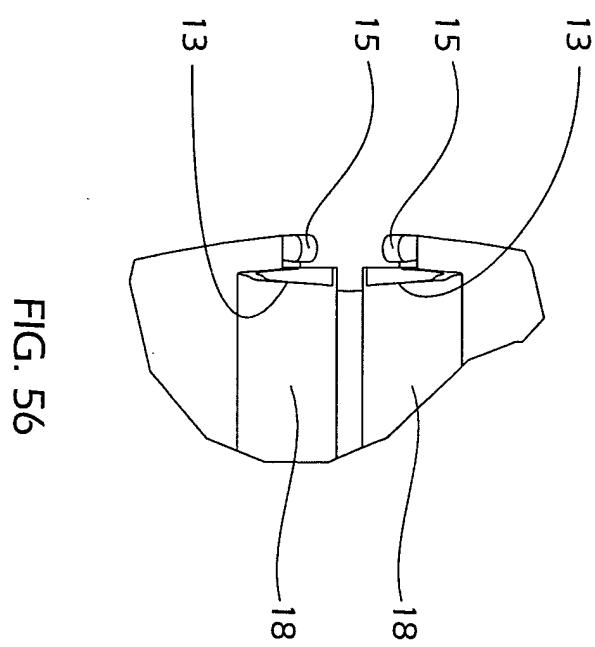
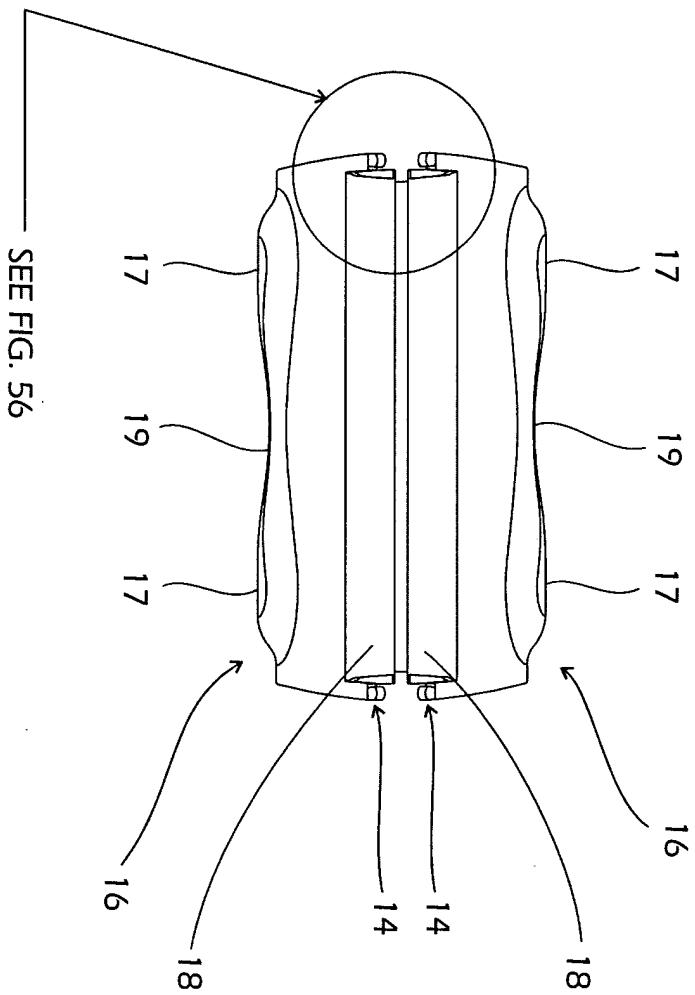


FIG. 53





# PrintLog

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Total Cost: \$70.80

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From: Garrett, Mark  
Subject: RE: More views...  
Attachments: 0329More views.pdf (71KB)

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** Garrett, Mark  
**To:** Lauren Brenneman; Redza Shah  
**Sent:** Monday, March 29, 2004 6:06 PM  
**Subject:** RE: More views...

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Lauren Brenneman [mailto:[lauren@id-one.net](mailto:lauren@id-one.net)]  
**Sent:** Monday, March 29, 2004 5:52 PM  
**To:** Garrett, Mark  
**Subject:** More views...

Mark,

Thanks,  
Lauren

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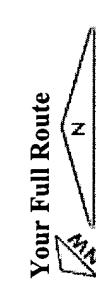
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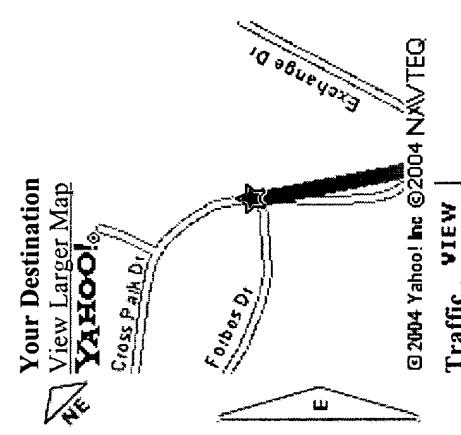
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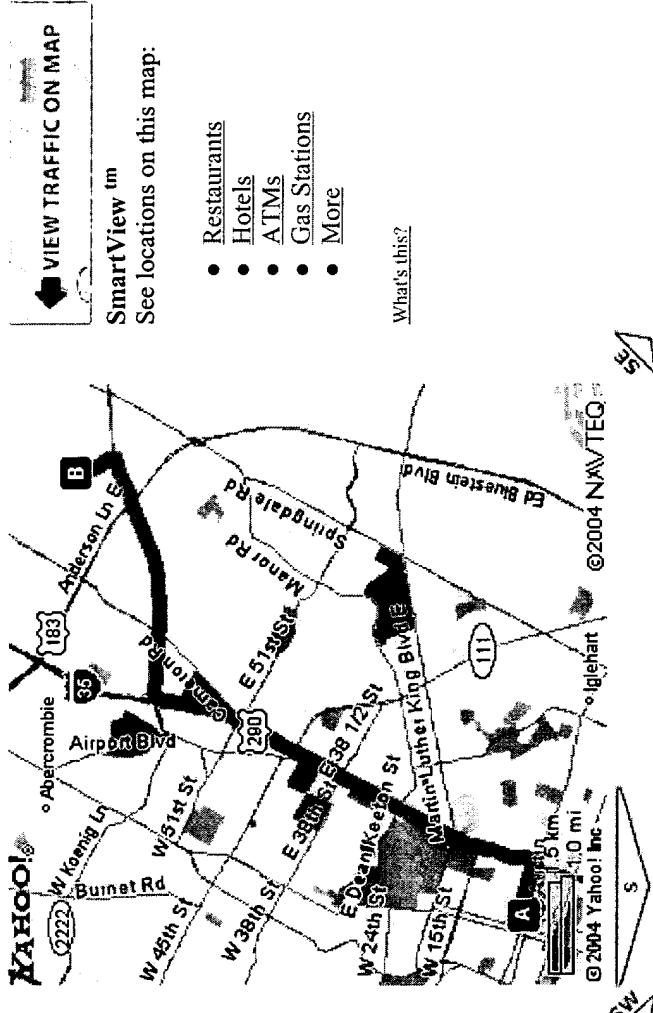
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Date	Time	Phone Number	Call Destination	Rate/Type	Minutes Used	Airtime Charges	LD/Additional Charges	Total Charges
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**11 = PCS to PCS Calling**



## Individual Charges

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Customer	Account Number	Invoice Period	Invoice Date	Page
EMMA GOODELL-GARRETT	0042438805-9	Mar. 19 - Apr. 18	Apr. 20, 2004	8 of 19



Individual Charges for

**EMMA GOODELL-GARRETT**

512-796-5742

egoodellgarrett01@sprintpcs.com

**PCS Add-A-Phone - Apr. 15 to Apr. 18****Your Plan Includes:**

- PCS Add-A-Phone
- \$0.00 Monthly Service Charge
- Caller ID, Call Waiting
- Three-Way Calling
- Voicemail

**PCS Add-A-Phone With Vision - Apr. 15 to Apr. 18****Your Plan Includes:**

- PCS Add-A-Phone With Vision
- \$0.00 Monthly Service Charge
- Caller ID, Call Waiting
- Three-Way Calling
- Voicemail

**PCS Add-A-Phone With Vision - Apr. 19 to May 18****Your Plan Includes:**

- PCS Add-A-Phone With Vision
- \$0.00 Monthly Service Charge
- Caller ID, Call Waiting
- Three-Way Calling
- Voicemail

**Voice Airtime Summary**

Description	Minutes Used
Minutes Used in Plan	1,269.0
Off-Peak Minutes Used	428.0
PCS to PCS Calling	372.0
<b>Total Voice Minutes</b>	<b>2,069.0</b>

Reminder: The Minutes Used in Plan Category can be used by other phone(s) on your account.

Reminder: Airtime minutes are prorated for this partial billing period so you will not receive all in-plan minutes this month. You will be charged for airtime on minutes used over the prorated minutes.

**Monthly Service Charges**

Description	Charges
PCS Add-A-Phone With Vision Apr. 15 to Apr. 18	0.00
PCS Add-A-Phone With Vision Apr. 19 to May 18	0.00
PCS Add-A-Phone	0.00
PCS Vision Premium Pack	5.00
	<b>\$5.00</b>

Neighborhood Account: 5BS93580  
Telephone Number: 512 371-9522

Statement Date: 03/27/04  
Page 3 of 4

Customer Service:  [www.mci.com/service](http://www.mci.com/service)

 1 888 624-5622

The Neighborhood  
built by MCI

### Integrated Service Summary

Service for 512 371-9522	
Neighborhood Standard (02/27/04 to 03/26/04) .....	\$12.99
	\$12.99

Thank you for choosing MCI  
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### Local Service Summary

Service for 512 371-9522	
Call Waiting (02/27/04 to 03/26/04) .....	\$2.80
Network Access Surcharge- Primary Line .....	\$6.50
	\$9.30

### Long Distance Summary

Anytime Connect Reg Savings (02/27/04 to 03/26/04) ..	\$4.00
	\$4.00

**Taxes and Surcharges .....** **\$8.78**

**Current Charges** **\$35.07**

### Taxes and Surcharges

#### MCI Local Service

Local Number Portability Fee .....	\$ .05
TX 911 Equalization Surcharge .....	\$ .50
TX Utility Gross Receipts Assessment .....	\$ .04
TX Tel Infrastructure Fund Reimbursement .....	\$ .28
Texas Universal Service .....	\$ .82
TX Municipal Franchise Fee .....	\$ 1.15
Federal Excise Tax .....	\$ .72
State & Local Taxes .....	\$ 1.93
	\$5.49

#### MCI Long Distance Service

TX 911 Equalization Surcharge .....	\$ .03
TX Utility Gross Receipts Assessment .....	\$ .01
TX Tel Infrastructure Fund Reimbursement .....	\$ .09
Texas Universal Service .....	\$ .27
Federal Excise Tax .....	\$ .23
State & Local Taxes .....	\$ .58
Federal, State & Local Surcharges .....	\$ 1.11
Federal Universal Service Fee .....	\$ .97
	\$3.29

**Total Taxes and Surcharges** **\$8.78**

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on Reverse ...

# Account Summary

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Customer	Account Number	Invoice Period	Invoice Date	Page
MICHAEL BARRETT	0005674124-8	Mar. 15 - Apr. 14	Apr. 15, 2004	2 of 17

**Summary of**
**Individual Charges (Individual Usage Summaries begin on page 3)**

Individual Information	Monthly Service Charges	Additional Usage Charges & Purchases	Other Charges	Taxes */ Surcharges & Fees	Total
MICHAEL BARRETT 512-294-1404	60.00	270.01	0.00	64.97	394.98
MICHAEL BARRETT	20.00	6.25	0.00	7.07	33.32
<b>Total Current Charges</b>	<b>80.00</b>	<b>276.26</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>72.04</b>	<b>\$428.30</b>

\* See below for a breakdown of Taxes, and Surcharges & Fees if applicable.

**Additional Billing Information**
**Detail of Taxes, and Surcharges & Fees**

Description	Charges
<b>Taxes</b>	
Austin City District Tax	3.78
Federal Tax	11.43
Austin City Sales Tax - Services & Usage	3.82
Texas State Sales Tax - Services & Usage	23.96
Texas State 911 Surcharge	0.07
Texas State Wireless 911 Surcharge	1.00
<b>Surcharges &amp; Fees</b>	
Texas State Universal Svc Fund Surcharge	12.86
Texas State Tif Reimbursement	4.63
Federal Universal Service Fund	7.49
Federal E911	0.80
Federal Wireless Number Pooling And Portability	2.20
	<b>\$72.04</b>

## **Garrett, Mark**

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**From:** Garrett, Mark  
**Sent:** Monday, March 29, 2004 9:46 PM  
**To:** 'Chip Thomson'  
**Cc:** Hohle, Julie; Mills, Jeffrey  
**Subject:** RE: version/My version



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Chip,

Attached is a clean version of the agreement in the form we just discussed.

Thanks,

Mark

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Mark T. Garrett  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Chip Thomson [mailto:[chip@beza.biz](mailto:chip@beza.biz)]  
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2004 8:33 PM  
To: Garrett, Mark  
Subject: Re: version/My version

Thanks,

Chip  
On Monday, March 29, 2004, at 08:15 PM, Garrett, Mark wrote:

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> Thanks,  
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## **Garrett, Mark**

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**To:** 'Lettelleir, Diane'  
**Cc:** Warren, Sanford; Mills, Jeffrey  
**Subject:** RE: Revised License & Consulting Agreement



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Diane,

Attached is a slightly revised version of what you sent to me.

Mark

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Sent: Monday, March 29, 2004 6:34 PM  
To: Garrett, Mark  
Cc: Warren, Sanford  
Subject: Revised License & Consulting Agreement

Attached is a redlined version of the agreement intended to address the issues resolved today. Please note that there were a few differences between the redlined version and the clean version attached to Greg's March 26 e-mail. I used the clean version as we discussed.

Diane Lettelleir  
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April 1, 2004

Mr. Chip Thomson  
1210 Falcon Ledge Drive  
Austin, TX 78746-5118

RE: *U.S. Patent Application entitled "DEVICES FOR HOLDING PAPER, CARDS, AND WALLETS" – Chip E. Thomson et al.*

*Our reference: THMC:015US*

Dear Chip:

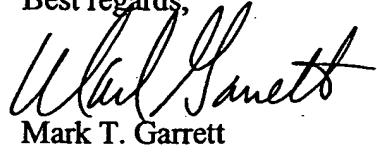
As you know, we filed this application on March 29, 2004. We enclose for your records a copy of the application and transmittal form filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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Mr. Chip Thomson  
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Mr. Chip Thomson  
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Best regards,



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark T. Garrett".

Mark T. Garrett

Encl.: as noted

cc: Glen E. Clifton (w/encl.)  
Michael C. Lah (w/encl.)  
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